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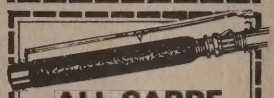

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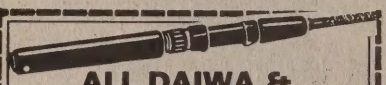

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Captain Frank "Monster Man" Mundus of the Montauk based Cricket II, got the shark season off to an impressive start when he put Rod Taylor of Pennsylvania on this 700 pound mako. The huge shark was taken back on June 5 and measured 12½ feet long. It was weighed at Montauk Marine Basin. Tom Edwardes Photo/courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

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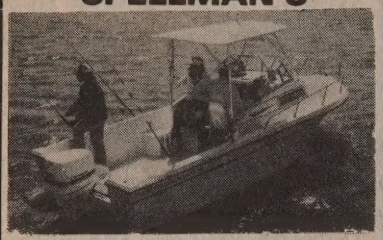

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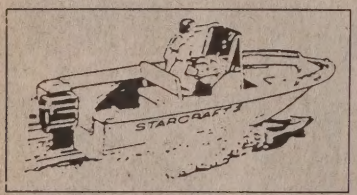

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The tournament is open to all clubs and individuals that register with the Hudson Anglers at the Hudson Point Fishing Station, at the foot of Guy Lombardo Avenue, Freeport. The entry fee of $140 includes 2 portions of chum or bait, dockage and the challenge of fishing for large cash prizes.

Cash prizes in the 1984 tournament were greater than $20,000.

In addition, SHakespeare Fishing, Inc., has donated $2500 in equipment and $1000 in prizes will be given for the largest shark caught on Sigma Line, the official line of the Hudson Anglers' tournament.

At the Captain's meeting there will be a free raffle in which over $1000 in prizes will be given away fro those who attend.

For further information concerning the rules, free dockage and registration, call Ronnie Bauer, (516) 867-9608, (516) 378-1557, or Joe Sangster, (516) 437-3071, or Paul Giongreco, (718) 224-9579.

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN ADDS SHARK TAGGING PRIZES TO $25,000 TOURNAMENT

In keeping with its continuing spirit of conservation, the Montauk Marine Basin has added two new prizes to the $25,000 purse already offered in its 16th Annual Shark Tag Tournament scheduled for the weekend of June 28th and 29th. The additional prizes are designed to provide greater incentive for the tagging and release of smaller sharks not in contention for top prize money.

Under the current prize structure, the angler capturing the largest mako shark will receive $12,000; the largest shark of any species will bring a prize of $8,000 and the largest blue shark, $5,000. Under this prize structure, a single fisherman or team bringing in a very large mako could win in two categories, taking home $20,000.

The new tagging prize, an exquisite and very valuable creation from the internationally renowned Pflueger Taxidermy, of Hollywood, Florida, will go to angler whose tagged sharks is recovered the greatest distance from Montauk during the following year. If that shark turns out to be a mako, the winning angler will receive a $500 bonus, in addition to the Pflueger award. The tagging program will be conducted in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service. Tournament anglers will be able to get up-to-the-minute word on the sizes of the largest sharks taken at any point by coordination with the tournament's radio control boat. This will enable them to determine which sharks are not in contention and therefore good candidates for tagging and release.

A gala celebration will kick off the tournament on Friday night, June 27th. For further information and entry forms, contact Carl Darenberg, Jr. at the Montauk Marine Basin, West Lake Drive, Montauk, NY 11954, or phone (516) 668-5900.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB HOSTING 30TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL

The Babylon Tuna Club is pleased to announce its 30th Annual Tuna, Shark and Billfish Tournament to be held in Babylon July 26th and 27th. All boats entering must be at least 23 feet in length and equipped with a VHF radio.

Mooring facilities at the Babylon Town Dock will be available without cost to the tournament participants. Due to limited dock space, berths will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

This year's entry fee is $550 for the overnight category boats and $300 for the day boats. Day boats will leave in the AM and return the same day. The $300 is the total fee for both days of fishing. There will be no additional angler fees. Bait and chum will **not** be provided. However, it will be readily available in the immediate vicinity of the dock, along with fuel. Town ordinances prohibit fueling on the village dock.

Total money awards is expected to be over $20,000 and will be based on the number of boats participating in each of the day and overnight categories.

A captain's meeting will be held on Friday, July 25, at 8:30 PM on the town dock. At this time, rules will be explained, questions answered and boat numbers, patches and literature will be distributed. Also, many door prizes of fishing type equipment will be given away.

A captains meeting will be held on Friday, July 25th, at 8:30 PM on the town dock. At this time, rules will be explained, questions answered and boat numbers, patches and literature will be distributed. Also, many door prizes of fishing type equipment will be given away.

The Captains Meeting will be followed by a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of this popular tournament.

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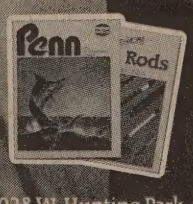

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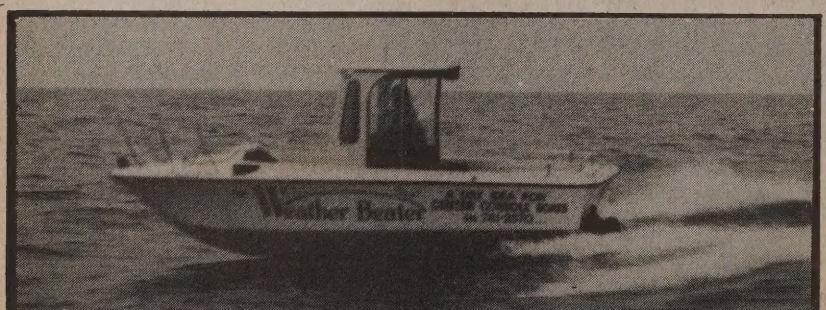

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO PUBLISH MOTORBOAT FUEL USE STUDY

The U.S. Treasury Department, responding to Congressional pressure, announced it will publish its study on recreational motorboat fuel use the end of May. Treasury's announcement came in a letter to several high-ranking members of the House Merchant and Marine and Fisheries Committee in response to their letter inquiring about the status of the study, ordered by Congress over three years ago.

Presently, 3/4 of one percent of the federal exise tax on motorfuels is transferred to the Wallop-Breaux Fund. The monies are then distributed to the states and Coast Guard to be used in recreational boating safety and sport fishing enhancement programs. Many boating organizations have been trying to persuade Treasury to complete its study, as they believe a higher percentage of moorboat fuel would be revealed. Several states' studies have concluded that boaters use one percent or more of the total amount of gasoline sold in the state.

The release of the study is expected to mean an increase in monies for the Wallop-Breaux Fund and, therefore, more money for boating safety and sport fishing enhancement programs.

ONTARIO SALMON TEAM TOURNEY AIDS CONSERVATION

Conservation and the Niagara County artificial reef near Alcott Harbor, NY, in Lake Ontario will be the winners in the second annual Lowrance Salmon Team Tournament, June 20 and 21.

The tournament will be staged out of the ports of NewFane and Wilson, New York.

John Floro, tournament director and Lowrance regional manager, said entries for the event are coming in each day. Entry fee for the tournament is $300 per boat, plus $100 added to support the reef project. Payback to anglers is 110 percent minimum, not including conservation contribution.

Floro said this year's entry list is expected to be considerably larger than a year ago, when $5000 was raised to aid in construction of the reef project. Floro said a guaranteed purse of $10,000 will go to the first place winners in the tournament, with all tournament expenses underwritten by five

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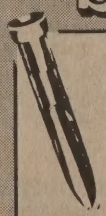

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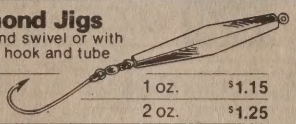

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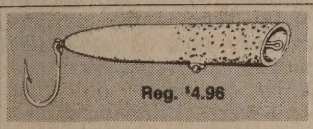

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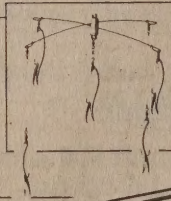

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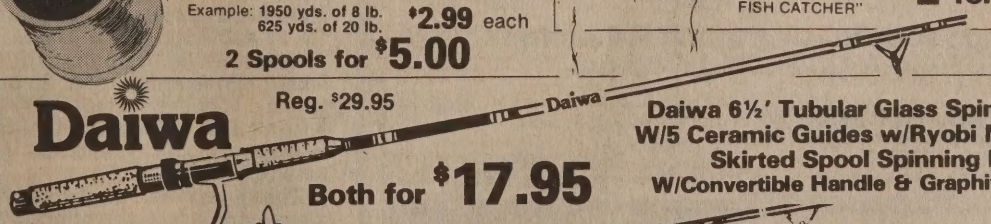

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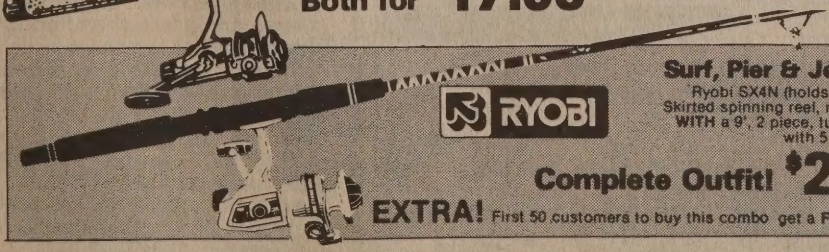

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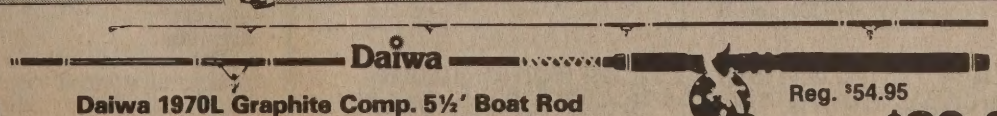

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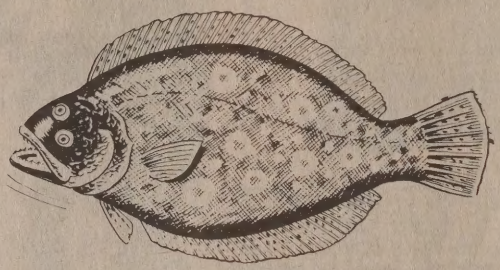

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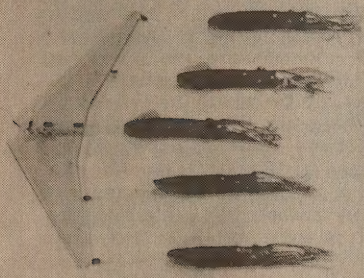

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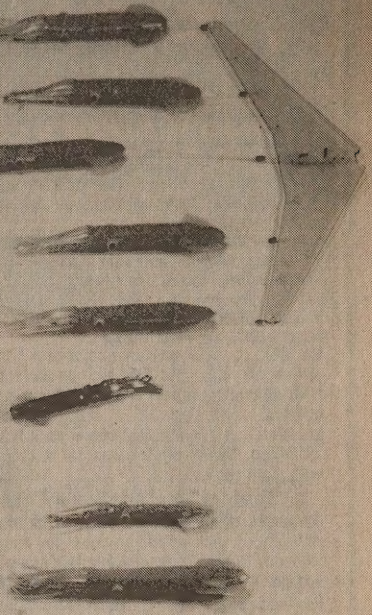

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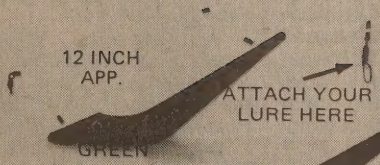

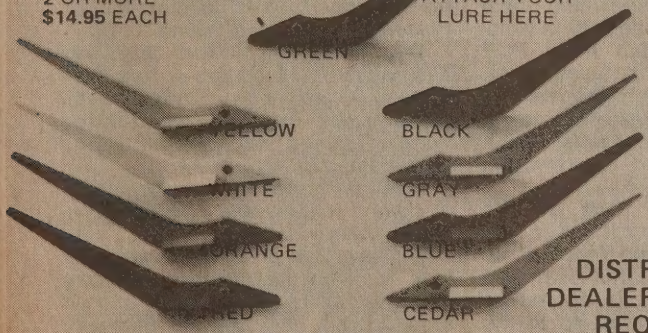

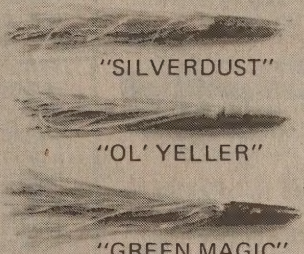

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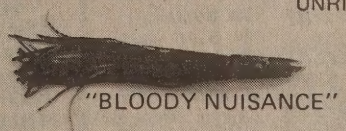

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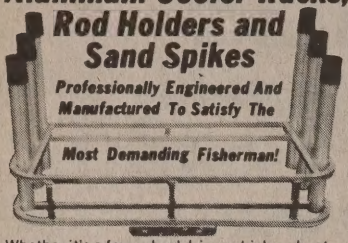

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The Hon. Mario M. Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
State Capital, Executive Chamber
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As a concerned fisherman I am writing this letter in reference to the recently enacted Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) 60 day emergency measure which has banned the commercial, as well as recreational, fishing of striped bass. This measure was mainly instituted due to PCB contamination, however, the real issue of striped bass conservation has been pushed to the side.

The total ban on recreational fishing is ridiculous. To ban recreational fishing due to PCB contamination is foolish because any fisherman who fishes for striped bass, reads the newspaper or listens to a radio knows the risks of eating striped bass. Besides, there are many fishermen who want to place their trophy bass on their wall not in their stomachs.

If the reason for the recreational banning is to satisfy the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), then the DEC better review the goals of the ASMFC. Total banning of striped bass fishing is a management measure, but is it really called for? I would have to say NO! It appears to me that New York has substituted health measures for management measures which is clearly uncalled for and definitely unfair. According to the Long Island Fisherman magazine (May 29-June 4, 1986 No. 21), in June of 1985, New York was one of two states in violation of not meeting the ASMFC mandate of reducing fishing mortality an additional 55 percent above and beyond the reductions previously achieved via increases in minimum size, season closures and spawning reach restrictions. In response to this violation, New York added more PCB closures to comply with the mandate. Again, New York avoided the real problem of conservation and has taken the easy way out by using health measures rather than conservation measures.

Governor, I don't have all the answers, but I do have a lot of trouble understanding why New York has obviously avoided the problem of striped bass conservation. Sure there are some health probems related to the consumption of striped bass, but what if there wasn't. Eventually the PCB contamination will get better and then what measures will be put in place. New York cannot afford to wait until then. There must be a better solution than a total ban and I expect my *elected* officials, who represent myself and other *recreational* fishermen, to develop a valid conservation measure that complies with the real goals of the ASMFC.

Please do not allow the PCB measures to act as conservtion measures. New York sportsmen should not have to rely on the Federal Government to intervene when New York State does not comply with ASMFC management measures. New York should be concerned and should take an active role regarding these measures. We are considerd the Empire state and we should be proud to support, cooperate and enforce any and all conservation measures hat the ASMFC deems appropriate.

Thank you for taking the time to address this issue. It is of great importance that the recreational sportsman's point of view be considered. Your response to this issue is anxiously awaited by many concerned Long Island Sportsmen. Sincerely, *Jeffrey Fritzson.*

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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that I sent to Governor Cuomo (along with a 1,000 names petition) on the striped bass issue.

We were all pleased to read about your stand on the recreational striped bass issue. Keep up the good work and we will also try to hold up our end, here on western Long Island Sound.

Copies of the letter were also sent to the DEC, our local Senators, Newsday's Nick Karas, and at least ten bait and tackle shops in our area. Sincerely, *Everett R. Johnson.*

Governor Mario Cuomo
State Capital Building
Albany, New York

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I represent a large group of recreational striped bass fishermen on Western Long Island Sound.

We think as New York taxpayers and voters that the state of New York and the Department of Environmental Conservation has gone entirely too far by banning recreational striped bass fishing in our waters.

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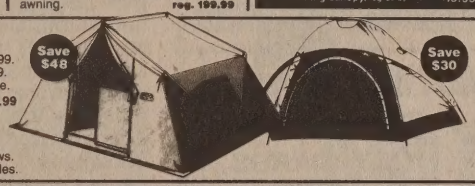

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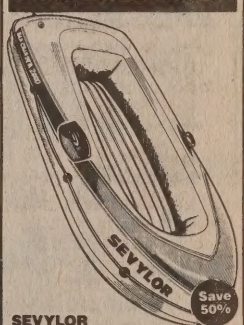

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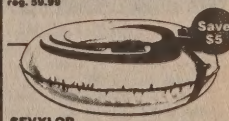

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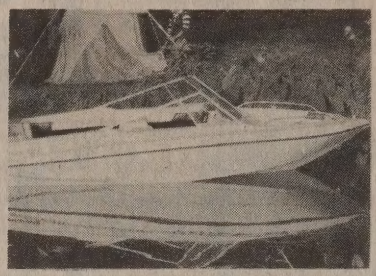

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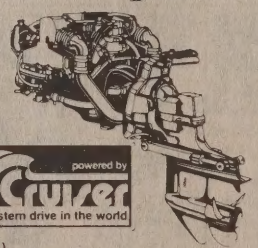

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We cannot see losing a million dollar per year revenue for the small amount of fish caught by recreational sport fishermen. Everett R. Johnson, Vice President, Four Moon Fishing Association.

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NYS DEC
Bldg. 40
Stony Brook, NY 11790
Attn: Gordon Colvin

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I am writing in response to the recent DEC decision to ban recreational striped bass fishing in New York State.

First let me say that I can appreciate the DEC's action from an environmental standpoint as organic contaminants which can bio-accumulate in humans should be controlled. However, there are many other factors which impact this decision. I would like to point out that many organic contaminants exist in the environment today. In fact, mother's milk contains trace amounts of DDT and chlordane. Should mother's milk be banned? Another situation concerns the use of tobacco. Up until now, there is no *documented* evidence that PCBs cause ill health effects in humans. However, there are *documented* cases where tobacco causes a wide variety of human sickness. Yet, one could easily go to the store and buy a pack of cigarettes without any restrictions (other than being 18 years of age).

Secondly, I am concerned about the true motive of this ban. I realize the striped bass population has decreased over the years and that the 24 inch limit was imposed to assist in replenishing the stock. However, does this ban use the PCB problem as an "excuse" to increase striped bass populations? If so, this is an unfair misrepresentation of law, especially to the lay person if environmental issues are used as a lever for other gains; using a tactic which perhaps befits the media to "sell" the news. Environmental issues are important enough to stand on their own merits.

I have discussed this issue with several people and have developed what I feel is a solution to the problem. I certainly would not want to take a risk of PCB contamination if I had the choice, but perhaps others would. Maybe if I caught a large enough bass, I would have it mounted and place on my living room wall. My point is this: we are intelligent creatures who are capable of making our own decisions. Like cigarette smoking, let the fisherman make the decision. Of course, I would want to *know* the risks involved. Therefore, I

suggest the DEC put together this information (perhaps a safety data sheet) and distribute it to fishermen in New York State. The DEC may want to have fishermen *register* with them to assure that they are aware of the risks involved with striped bss and PCBs (similar to the warning label on cigarettes) and establish a daily limit of one per person per day as well as a size limit based on the ASMFC's guidelines. This would give many fishermen, such as myself, the incentive to striped bass fish again, hoping for that "one" fish to take home or return, based on their own decisions.

In closing, many organic contaminants will probably be identified in the next ten years, not because of "newly" added problems, but the newely developed technology to identify old ones. PCBs are already being investigated as a *natural* product of combustion which have been around for years and only today are we capable of identifying them. Many chemicals may become part of the "natural background" due to our past, present, and future advancements. Decisions about problems like these will need to be made in the near future. Why not start educating the public now? Sincerely, *John T. Marchese.*

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Mr. Gordon Colvin,
Director of Marine Resources,
NYS DEC

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I am writing this letter to express my feelings about the ongoing issue of the striped bass closure. I am 25 years old and have had a love for fishing for many years. Just recently I've gotten serious in the pursuit of specific species of game fish that inhabit our local waters. I own a boat and fish both from it and in the surf. In the past years I've spent a good sum of money on related fishing equipment, and a lot of time using it in pursuit of the striped bass. I've only caught a few keeper size bass when the 24 inch limit was in effect giving me an extreme sense of accomplishment. This sense of accomplishment only came after spending countless dollars and hours soaking wet and freezing from the cold in pursuit of these bass. I try to keep up with the various aspects of issues related to fishing and the areas that we fish around such as—pollution of our beaches and waters, beach erosion, legislation from government, etc. I recently took a ride to Stony Brook to the DEC office to pick up a copy of the study they did on PCB's in the striped bass. I agree from this study that the fish are indeed contaminated to a point, but is this the real reason why the State has closed the season? I feel that because of these PCBs the state has found a real cheap way out instead of complying with regulations set up by the ASMFC. The state has not yet dealt with the problem at hand, which is management stock

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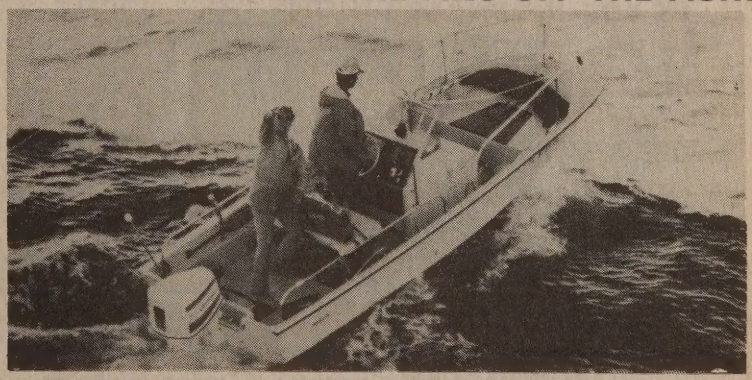

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conservation. I don't see any harm in having a trophy sized bass mounted for a wall hanging. Being a concerned fisherman I happen to be very informed with the issues that affect me. I feel that I should be the one to decide whether or not to eat the bass. Anyone out there on a dark, cold, wet beach with enough knowledge to catch a bass surely knows the dangers involved in eating contaminated bass. Being one of these informed fishermen, I've read several articles on this subject and feel that the total closure has to be righted. A one fish limit for recreational fishermen with a size limit set up by the ASMFC and N.Y. State is all I ask for. Sincerely, *Paul Melhado.*

A LOYAL READER

Dear Mr. Golofaro:

I would like to pay tribute to your entire staff of writers, especially Mr. Matt Ahern. I would venture to say he and I grew up in the same area of Brooklyn. His articles are a source of not only information but also have great nostalgic value to me and many other fishermen.

Both myself and many fishing buddies read and will continue to read The Fisherman because of your staff. Thank you for letting me mention this to you. Sincerely, *Arcuri.*

Dear Mr. Arcuri:

Thanks from the staff for your compliments and what else can you say about Matt? He's a lovable guy. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

SINGING THE GREAT SOUTH BAY BLUES

Dear Editor:

My family and I have just bought a 17 foot boat with a 70 hp Evinrude engine. We have decided to have it docked in Great South Bay (Bay Shore). For one, are there any bluefish in the Great South Bay or anywhere fairly close to Fire Island Inlet? If so, could you please try to tell me where? This is our first boat and though I have been in the bay many times, I have never been out for blues. Thank you. *Adam Fahrer.*

Dear Adam,

Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet provide excellent bluefishing for small boatmen like yourself. June can be superb inside the bay, with plenty of 1 to 4 lb. choppers available for casters tossing small popping plugs on light tackle. Chumming is very effective back in the bay during the summer months, but eel grass can become a problem. Bay spots include the buoy 10 area (south of Bay Shore), Dickerson Channel, Steamboat Channel, Farm Shoals and the southeast corner of the Captree Bridge. The lighthouse area is a good spot for chummers (during hours of minimal boat traffic), wire line trollers and jiggers (the 007 jig is ideal for bay blues). The inlet area consistently produces fine bluefishing, particularly on outgoing water. Casting or jigging with

small tins or jigs (007s or A17s), or dragging umbrella rigs on wire line are the tactics most frequently used in this area.

We have run articles concerning bluefishing in these parts in the past and you can be sure that there will be more appearing in future issues. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

QUINCY CAUTION

Dear Dr. Muller:

I read your response to a question regarding the Quincy flounder, which appeared in the April 10th issue of The Fisherman.

By coincidence, the April 21, 1986 issue of Forbes contains an article titled "On The Waterfront" that states that polluted water is causing huge numbers of fish to develop cancer. It also raises the question: "Can the disease be transmitted to fish-eaters?" It is enclosed for your review.

I think that the article plus some additional research on your part could be developed into a valuable article for inclusion in The Fisherman.

The article states that some toxins, such as hexachlorobenzene, chlorinated butadienes, and polychlorinated biphenyls accumulate in both fat and flesh and thus pass into the bodies of those who eat the fish.

Fish whose livers are riddled with tumors such as the fish in the article (English sole) probably should not be eaten due to the likelihood that the flesh is contaminated. I think that readers of The Fisherman should be instructed to check the fish livers for tumors and to not use any fish with tumors.

They should also be aware that local tomcod that spend time in the Hudson River have cancerous livers. ("More than 90 percent of the two year old Atlantic tomcod that swim in the Hudson River also have liver cancers.")

Quincy flounder should be off limits. Let the fishermen fish locally.

Note the other species and locations of problem areas on page 128.

The article was a real eye opener for me, and I think that other fishermen would also appreciate the information.

Please take the initiative and do a big service to your readers. Sincerely, *Joseph A. Hobel.*

A growing body of knowledge now suggests that fish caught in waters containing large concentrations of toxic substances are dangerous to eat. This is apparently true for places like Quincy Bay and and the Hudson River to name just a couple. The danger is especially high in fish that remain in those waters for protracted periods such as tomcod and flounder. Years ago the main concern in Quincy was the sewage, but in recent years a high percentage of the fish show evidence of tumors, which indicates a high level of toxic substances. We must caution against developing the belief that eating cancerous fish will cause cancer in humans. No such

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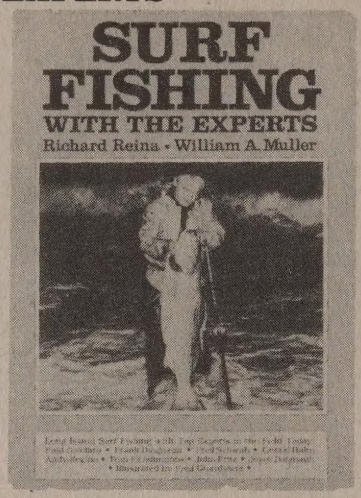

Finally, a surf book that lays bare all the nitty gritty secrets that help to explain why ten percent of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish! Although this book was authored mainly by Long Island Surf fishermen, there's much more to this book than a discussion of Long Island Surf fishing. Do you like to fish the beaches at Cape Cod, or have you dreamed of fishing there? Well then, this book has just what you need; a chapter devoted to the hows, whys, and whens or Cape Cod surf fishing by Frank Daignault. Perhaps Montauk is the spot that makes your blood boil. Yes, there's a chapter especially about this famous surf fishing spot too, authored by Fred Schwab whose been a "regular" there for about twenty years. The book is loaded with how-to chapters about gear you'll need to get started, casting techniques, the effect of winds, tides, and moon phases on surf fishing, how to use artificials and when, bait rigs and baitfishing techniques, as well as informative chapters about the history of surf fishing, how to start a surf fishing club, and how to successfully release fish. All of these chapters and more cover information and techniques that work on all beaches. This surf fishing book offers another bonus. Although a lot of attention is given to fishing for bass, blues, and weaks, there are also sections on surf fishing for fluke, flounder, blackfish (tautog), mackerel, whiting, kingfish, and porgies (scup). Most surf fishing books ignore these species, but not this book, because we know how many surf fishermen like to catch these fish for fun and the table. And ladies, we haven't forgotten you either, More and more women are enjoying surf fishing. We asked Joyce Daignault to write a chapter on this facet of the sport since she's spent many hours in the suds on many beaches. Her comments are provocative but right on target. There's more too, but discover it for yourself, such as illustrations by Fred Guardineer. L.I.F. Publishing, 252 pages, photos and illustrations.

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evidence exists to support that idea. However, eating fish with high levels of toxic chemicals might induce independent cancer in humans. An example would be the concern over PCB contamination in striped bass which has been implicated as a cause of liver cancer in humans. Should you wish to explore this matter further, the FORBES article referred to by Mr. Hobel is in the April 21, 1986 issue. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHAT'S AN ORANGE RUGBY?

Dear Sir:

We have a fish sold here in Las Vegas, both fresh and frozen called Orange Rugby. It's very tasty and is sold and packed by Galletti Bros. of Los Angeles, Calfornia.

No one knows where it's caught or what kind of fish it is. If anyone on your staff knows, please inform me. Thanks, *Art Geiler.*

Nice to know the long arm of The Fisherman reaches to Nevada. Actually, we get lots of letters from all over the country from readers who once lived in New York and continue their subscriptions when they move out of state. That's what we mean when we say The Fisherman family.

Unfortunately, we can't help with this question. Orange Rugby is undoubtedly a local name. If you could have given me a species name, I could help. Most fish have different local names in different parts of their range. I'd suggest you contact Galletti Bros., or the Nevada Fish and Game Commission or equivalent. Maybe a reader out there can help? Dr. W.A. Muller.

BUZZARDS BAY AND WATERFOWL

Dear Dr. Muller:

I've been a subscriber for many years and can't begin to express my thanks for you sharing your expertise and advice.

I have two questions I hope you can help me with. The first regards information about fishing in the Buzzards Bay (Mass.) area.

Normally, I have an annual spring trip to Quincy but the water quality (raw sewage) has become very poor. Buzzards Bay has been recommended as an alternative but I'm unfamiliar with the area. Could you direct me to a reputable bait shop (ramp) for specific info. I have saved every issue of the LIF since I began receiving it in 1971.

Secondly I've become interested in the waterfowl I see each fall and would appreciate a recommendation on a waterfowl I.D. book or guide.

I might as well know what kinds of birds fly by as I bounce a sinker. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Very truly yours, *Tony Flick.*

Some folks will disagree and some may smart at what they are about to read, but if you want big flounder and a fun fishing trip, I can't see why you would want a five hour ride to get

these, especially when outsized flounder are available in local waters with a maximum of a two hour ride. We annually catch flounder to 4 lbs. out of fishing stations such as Captain Marty's, New Suffolk and Port of Egypt, Southold on Peconic Bay. We've also sampled fine big flounder action around Orient Point and of course, at Montauk. There is a short run of big fish in the Great South Bay also at the very start of the season and there are many party boats that work on these fish. Frankly, save gas, save money, don't worry about contaminated water and fish Long Island's waters. See ads for more details.

On waterfowl. Your best bet is to contact the local chapter of the Audubon Society (check phone book), but many stationery stores and book stores do carry a soft cover handy guide to waterfowl. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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To The Fisherman:

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SPRING RUN AT THE BAYVILLE BRIDGE

Dear Doc,

As stated in Surf Fishing With The Experts, page 210-211, a herring run occurs under Bayville Bridge synonymous with big stripers. I've been fishing the bridge for a few years from the shore for flounder, which is red hot in the spring, but have not seen or heard of this since reading the book. This will be my first year boating and would like to look into this spring run provided you can tell me approximately when the run occurs, tides, methods and any other tips you can shed light on. Thank you. *John Kearney.*

It's been a long time since I was involved in this type of fishing, but I've heard rumors that it still happens. You might be better off discussing this matter with local tackle store owners, but for what it's worth, I'll tell you what I remember. In April (the precise time depended upon weather conditions and it might vary by as much as ten days) the herring (or whatever they were) moved in to Oyster Bay, under the Bayville Bridge and up into the head waters where they would gather at the falls as part of their spawning run. I think we got into the bass when the herring departed on the outgoing tide as the water started to warm. Now, remember that the bass stocks are way, way down, and that development of the area, pollution, and variations in the size of the baitfish stocks may very well have killed this fishing. Again, the rumor mill says it still happens, but I cannot personally vouch for it. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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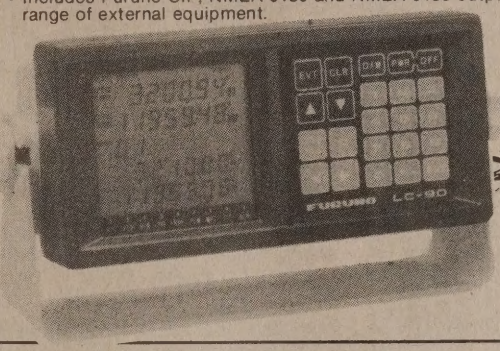

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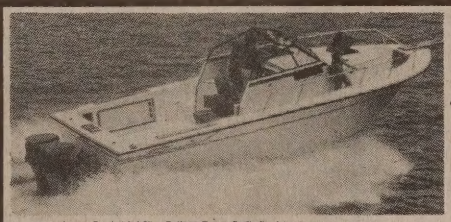

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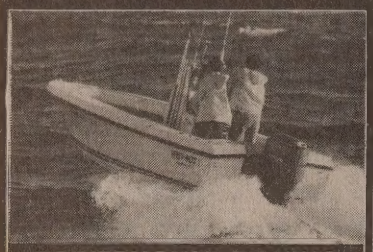
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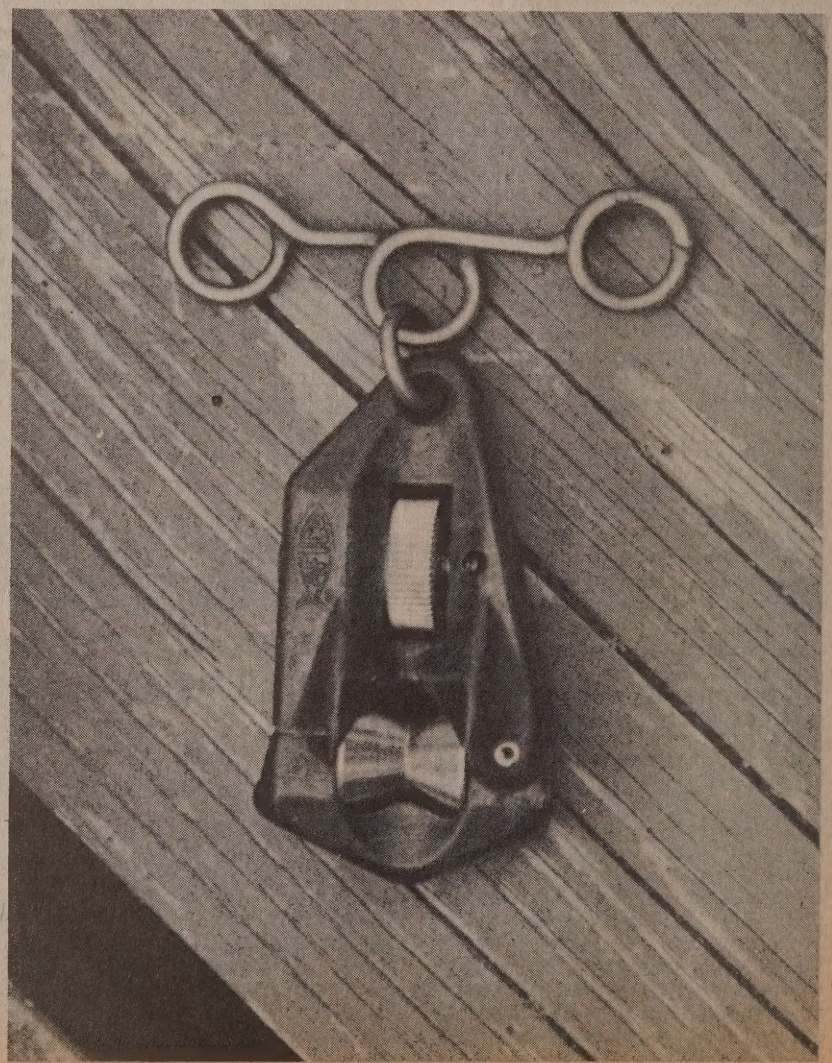
by Eric Burnley

Over the years I have fished with several different types of outrigger clips. We began with big plastic ones that worked like clothespins. They held the line permanently and if you wanted to drop back or pull in a bait or lure you had to bring the clip and line to the boat and make the change.

It didn't take us long to find the much more convenient clips that tripped off when a fish hit, but let the line run free before the strike. There were several manufacturers of these clips but they all worked the same. The line was place on a wire bail, then the bail was shut and held in place by a spring. The tension of the spring was adjustable to compensate for trolling speed and lure size. Some of these outrigger clips had large plastic faces that crashed together when the pin tripped, creating a noise like a rifle shot that was guaranteed to put everyone in the boat on alert.



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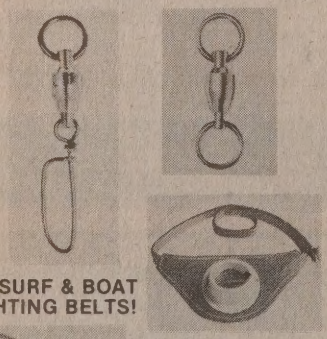
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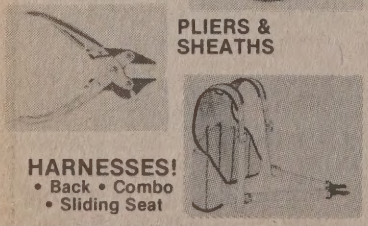
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I have four Roller-Trollers on my Bertram. Two are run on outrigger lines and two are used to keep the flat lines angled towards the water. The flat line clips are tied off the stern by running short lines under the screws that hold the molding onto the boat. If such screws are not available, you will have to drill a few holes.

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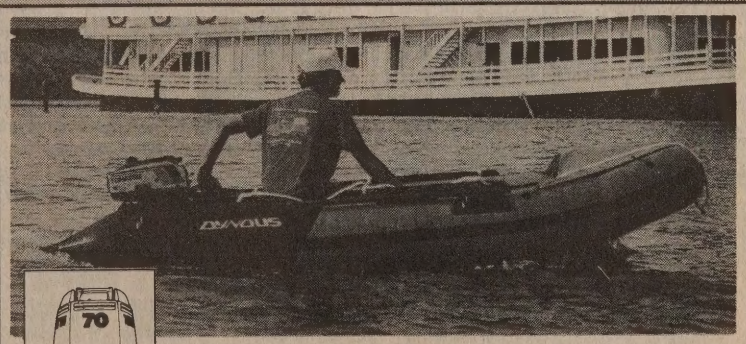

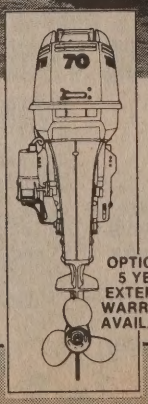

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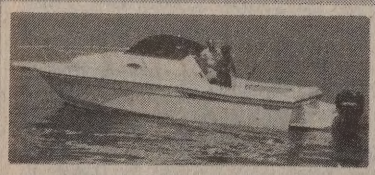

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— THE CAPTAINS TABLE —

TWO ETHNIC FISH DUMPLINGS

by Sal Agliano

Generation after generation, an age-old Jewish recipe from Eastern Europe, *Gefilte Fish*, had been passed on from mother to daughter virtually unchanged in its preparation and basic ingredients. Even when the people of this ancient culture emigrated and settled here in the United States, the recipe remained intact. Tradition called for a strict adherence—the binding ingredients were always the same: eggs and matzo meal; the fish used to make the dumplings and the stock were always either carp, whitefish, or pike, or a combination of the three.

Being one who fishes almost exclusively in saltwater, I had little access to such sweet water species as carp, whitefish and pike unless I purchased them (perish the thought!) from the local fish market. So, in order to enjoy gefilte fish, I had to rely on the benevolence of my Jewish friends or settle for the store-bought variety.

This arrangement didn't work out too well for after awhile I felt uncomfortable imposing on the generosity of my friends, and I soon found the store bought gefilte fish, when compared to homemade, less than appealing. Finally I decided to break tradition and prepare my own gefilte fish from scratch using comparable saltwater species in place of the carp, whitefish and pike.

SEA STYLE GEFILTE FISH

Stock:
3 lbs. of skins, bones, and heads from codfish, blackfish and flounder
5 qts. cold water
2 carrots
5 large onions
4 ribs of celery
2 tsp salt

Dumplings
1 lb. codfish fillets
1 lb. blackfish fillets
1 lb. flounder filletrs
1 large onion
1 celery rib
3 eggs
1/2 cup matzo meal
1 cup cold water
1 tsp sugar
2 tsp salt
1 tsp black pepper

To make the stock, first remove the eyes and gills from fish heads, then place cleaned heads, skins and bones into a kettle filled with 5 quarts of cold water. Add salt and bring water to a boil. Reduce flame and simmer gently for about two hours or until liquid is reduced by half.

While stock is simmering prepare a fish paste to make the dumplings. Run fillets through a grinder or food processor. Transfer ground fish to a large bowl and add eggs. Mix thoroughly. Peel onion and chop fine. Chop celery fine. Add onion and celery to fish and mix. Add matzo meal, cold water, sugar, salt and pepper and continue mixing until well blended. Place dumpling mixture into refrigerator and chill for about an hour.

After stock has simmered for two hours, strain liquid through cheesecloth or a fine sieve. Discard heads, bones, and skins, then rinse kettle thoroughly. Return liquid to kettle and resume simmering. Scrape carrots and cut into inch long pieces. Peel onions and slice thinly. Chop celery. Add vegetables to stock and continue simmering.

Remove dumpling mixture from refrigerator and shape into potato-size balls (moistening your hands with cold water while shaping dumpling prevents mixture from sticking to hands). Drop dumplings one at a time into simmering broth. Continue to simmer for about an hour.

This dish is best served cold the next day. Garnish with fresh parsley sprigs and serve with horseradish.

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While the Jewish communities throughout Eastern Europe were preparing gefilte fish, across the continent the French were developing a similar fish dumpling called a *Quenelle*. The French interpretation produces a lighter dumpling poached in a delicate vegetable stock.

FISH QUENELLES WITH TARRAGON SAUCE

Dumplings:
1 lb. fish fillets (cod, flounder, or any firm white fleshed fish)
1/4 lb. peeled and deveined shrimp
2 egg whites

1/4 cup heavy cream
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp white pepper
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
dash of nutmeg

Stock: (court bouillon)
4 qts. of water
2 large onions (cut in half with skins on)
2 carrots
4 celery ribs
1 leek
1 parsnip
1 cup fresh parsley
2 bay leaves
2 cloves garlic (crushed, with skins on)
1 tsp salt
4 peppercorns
1 tbsp vinegar
1 tsp sugar

Sauce:
1/2 lb. butter
juice of 4 lemons
1/2 cup chopped fresh tarragon

Grind fillets and shrimp finely in a food processor. Add eggs and heavy cream and blend briefly. Add salt, white pepper, parsley and nutmeg and continued blending until light and fluffy. Transfer fish mixture to a bowl and chill in the refrigerator for about an hour.

While fish mixture is chilling, prepare the stock. Fill a large kettle with 4 quarts of water and heat to boiling. Reduce flame to simmer and add onions (with skins), carrots, celery, leek, parsnip, parsley, bay leaves, garlic (with skins), salt, peppercorns, vinegar, and sugar. Continue simmering for about 45 minutes, replacing liquid with water as it evaporates.

After 45 minutes, strain liquid (court bouillon) through cheesecloth or a fine sieve, discarding vegetables. Return liquid to kettle and continue simmering.

Removed chilled fish mixture from refrigerator and shape into dumplings using two serving spoons (somewhat larger than tablespoons). With one spoon scoop up a heap of fish mixture, then gently push mixture into simmering broth using the other spoon. Cover kettle and simmer gently for about 15 minutes.

To make the sauce, first clarify 1/2 lb. of butter. Place the stick of butter in a small saucepan, then set the pan in another pan slightly larger and filled halfway with water. Set the pans in this order over a very low flame and soften butter slowly. When the butter separates, you will have foam on top and a denser liquid below. Skim off foam and strain remaining liquid. Mix liquified butter with lemon juice and fresh tarragon.

Remove fish dumplings (quenelles) from kettle using a slotted spoon. Place quenelles on a serving platter alongside boiled new potatoes. Drizzle tarragon suace over all. Serve with a crisp garden salad and some French wine.

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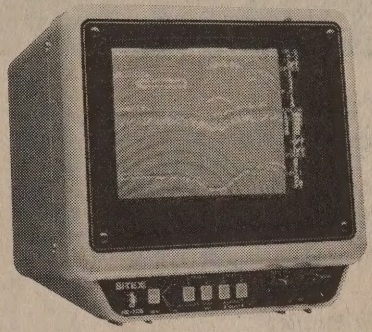

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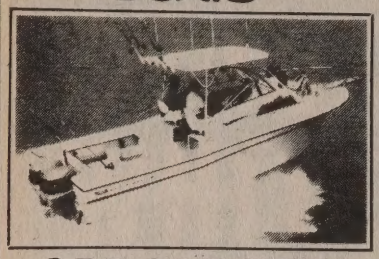

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

In the March No. 13 issue, page 26, Captain Pete Mikoleski mentioned using Tru-Turn hooks #776, size 6 for catching flounder. But I am having a very hard time finding them. Please send me the address of the Tru-Turn Company so I can purchase some.

Miss Barbara Herrera.

Dear Barbara,

The address for Tru-Turn Hooks is: Tru-Turn, Inc., P.O. Drawer 767, Wetumpka, Alabama 36092. You might first check out some of the local tackle shops as many do handle the Tru-Turn Hook, although not all will have each and every model in stock.

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Dear Doc,

My question concerns a piece of equipment which most people would not consider tackle, but I consider indispensable, that being The Fisherman. The knowledge I have acquired from this publication has added to my enjoyment and fishing scores as much as any graphite rod or high tech reel. I soon will be moving to Florida's southeast coast and would appreciate any names of publications that share your how, where and when format. I am familiar with the Florida Sportsman and enjoy it, but it is a different format.

I would also appreciate it if you could give me any address to get more information on saltwater fishing in this area (Palm Beach to Miami). I am particularly interested in locating an area that has good inshore fishing in sheltered waterways. As exciting as big game fishing is, I love to fish Raritan Bay for flounder, fluke, weaks, and small blues. My experience with the Ft. Lauderdale area, where I usually stay is intercoastal, then ocean, with nothing in-between. Thank you.

A. Meola.

Dear Mr. Meola:

You certainly should pick up the ***Saltwater Sportsman Magazine****, as it usually contains some material on fishing the Florida area. As you mention,* ***Florida Sportsman*** *is another excellent publication and is a must for anyone who fishes Florida's fresh or salt waters.*

The fastest way to learn more about fishing Florida waters is to write for information from the Florida Bureau of Tourism. The address is: 107 West Gaines St., Suite 410, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Another source of info is the Florida Fish Commission, 620 S. Meridan, Tallahassee, FL 32301 or the Department of Natural Resources, 3700 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32303.

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Dear Doc,

I inherited two split bamboo surf rods (9 footers) which are about 40 years old. They appear to be in very good condition and I would like to refinish them and put them back into action as live lining rods, a purpose for which they seem perfect. I would like to know if you or any of The Fisherman readers have any advice on restoring bamboo rods or know of someone who specializes in this. I would also like to know if these rods hold any value as antiques.

Ed Rea.

Dear Ed,

I suggest you take those rods to a custom rod builder and ask his opinion as to how you should go about the job of refinishing the bamboo without damaging it.

Removal of old varnish is relatively easy. You can sand the rod lightly with a very fine sandpaper or steel wool without causing the bamboo to splinter or become scratched. We've done this many times and enjoyed good results. But, before attempting it, you should get the advice of someone who is aware of the pitfalls that may occur when removing the old finish.

Once you have removed all the finish you simply apply a good rod varnish. Most tackle shops still carry rod varnish in small one or two ounce bottles. Use a good brush or rub it on with your finger. Make sure you are working in a dust free area and as you apply the varnish use is sparingly so there is no build-up of bubbles in the new finish.

I really would not use the for live lining or for any other type fishing situation. Today's fiberglass or graphite blanks are far and away superior to bamboo and, secondly, the bamboo may have some value in years to come. Right now those rods are not worth very much but 20 or 30 years down the road, they could become collectibles and would then have considerable value.

If the existing guides are in reasonably good shape, I think you should save them and once you refinish the blank use the old guides and a winding thread that is similar to that used when the rod was first built. Collectors will not pay a premium for any rod that does not have original components, but they will go out of their way to get equipment that looks and feels like it's been well kept in the original state.

If those rods are in reasonably good condition, meaning no missing guides, splits in the bamboo sections (most bamboo rods were built in five or six strips and then glued), no broken reel seat, if one was used, then why touch them at all?

You are better off saving them to sell or keep for your children. Purchase a new rod for regular usage.

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Dear Doc,

I received my issue of The Fisherman and was reading your article on Key West "A Fisherman Paradise." I am leaving for Key West on December 26th and staying until January 14th. I have never been there, but would like to know the kind of fish that will be running there at that time. I will be making a two-day trip to the Dry Tortugas on the Yankee Fleet. We chartered a boat for trolling one day. But I would like to know about fishing off the beaches and bridges. For this type of fishing I am taking light spinning gear and fly rods.

Stanley M. Bolloskis.

Dear Stan,

You should enjoy fantastic fishing during the dates you have selected for your Florida trip. The Dry Tortugas trip should be a winner, for it does offer some of the finest bottom fishing you will find and the list of available species on the reefs and wrecks goes on and on forever. Bring heavy tackle for that trip as many of the bottom fish are B-I-G.

You might tangle with some large fish off the bridges and that lightweight spinning tackle just does not measure up to the task. Try some stout popping or plug casting type gear or heavy duty spinning for both bridge and beach fishing and you should have all bases covered.

We've fished the Keys during December and January and have had permit, tarpon, cobia, yellowtails, all kinds of reel fish and lots of barracuda. The barracuda is one exciting fish when taken on light or medium weight tackle, but the smaller species of snappers, blue runners, yellowtails and grouper just do not warrant heavy gear. For those, you are better off using light spin or plug casting equipment.

Your charter captain will dictate the kind of tackle you will be using. If he decides to troll for billfish, you will go heavy and if the target is dolphin or barracuda, you'll probably use lighter gear to allow the fish a chance to show its mettle.

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by William A. Muller

The reponse to The Fisherman Derby Program from both fishermen and the industry has been very gratifying. We are pleased with the response because we believe inshore fishermen being the mainstays of the recreational fishery should have their day, too.

Obviously, the recreational fishery agrees with us and you, because their support has been growing steadily and is now at very high levels. For those of you who come to the awards ceremony, the quality of winning prizes and raffle prizes will be self-evident. There will be almost 40 quality prizes raffled off at this next derby. We are talking about Daiwa rod and reel combos, likewise from Shakespeare, famous for quality, G-96 equipment, Striker has added an array of marvelous products and Penn reels will also be awarded. In addition, there will be hats, patches, free Stren line, Superlube giveaways and prizes, tackle from All-Tackle Distributors, free Genesee beer and we will also raffle off $10 gift certificates for gasoline from Northville Industries.

The best tip in fishing right now is that your odds of winning a quality prize are high if you sign up for the

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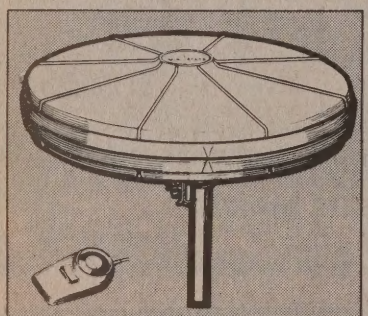
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We will be funding projects this year and making announcements later in the year. On the chopping block right now for consideration are artificial fishing reefs, emergency communication mechanisms, a new beach access facility and recently received, a few research proposals for weakfish and striped bass. We'll keep you informed.

Incidentally, our series of fishing derbies are the second largest amateur participation sports events on Long Island, second only to the Marthon. We think that's a mighty big achievement in just a few years and it shows the depth and scope of recreational inshore fishing on Long Island. We welcome this exposure, because it's a strength we've known existed all along.

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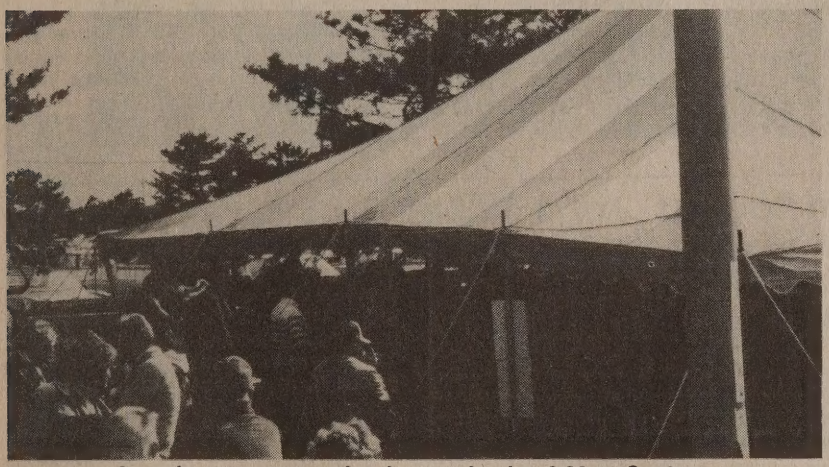

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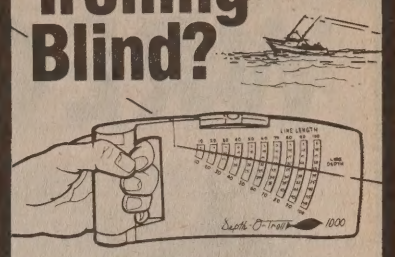

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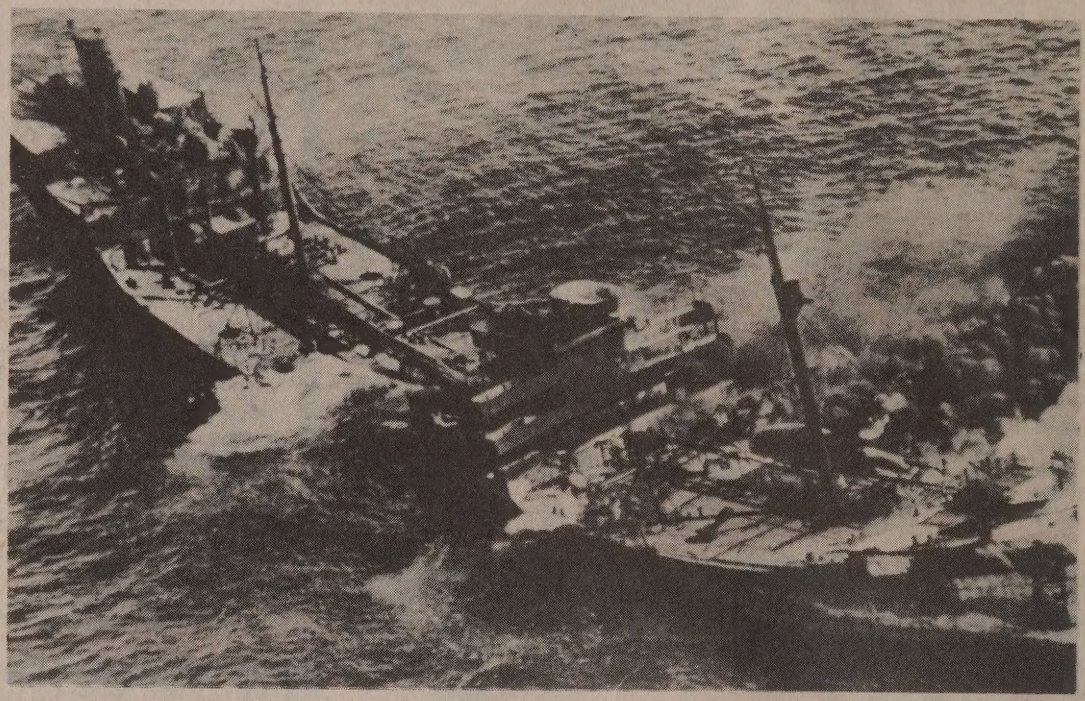

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BUCKTAILING FOR WEST END FLUKE

by Thomas Mikoleski

When we think of the bucktail jig, we usually think it's only effective on striped bass, weakfish or blues—the Big Three! At the same time, various sources have indicated that the bucktail jig is one of the most versatile lures available today. Despite this claim, many anglers tend to ignore the bucktail's effectiveness on fluke.

One should remember, the fluke is an active and aggressive predator, and will at times pursue its prey quite a distance from the bottom. It is this characteristic behavior pattern of the fluke that makes him so susceptible to a bucktail jig bouncing along the bottom with reckless abandon. Notice I said "with reckless abandon." This is the key to successful bucktailing for fluke.

Not only can bucktailing for fluke be fun, but it definitely has its own advantages. Most of my fluking is done between Debs and Jones Inlet, and as I'm sure some of you are aware, fluking in this area (as far as quantity is concerned) has been excellent, but quality has left a lot to be desired. Many times we'd nail fluke after fluke, but would have to return the majority of the fish because they fell short of the N.Y. State 14 inch limit. Much of the time, these "shorts" have managed to swallow the hook deep in their gullets. Now I'm aware that the best thing to do in this case it to cut the leader as close to the hook as possible, and gently let the fish go. The combination of the corrosive effects of saltwater and the fluke's own digestive juices will rust that hook away in no time.

But when fishing for fluke with a bucktail, the majority of your fish will be lip-hooked. This is definitely advantageous when the little guys are swarming all over the place! Now don't get the idea that bucktailing produces only small fish, because quite often the opposite is true. With this technique in your bag of tricks you can usually add a few extra keepers to the cooler.

There is no doubt in my mind that baitcasting gear is the best choice when fishing with bait. The reason for this is the ease with which baitcasting gear can be put into free spool for a quick dropback. Another advantage is that baitcasting gear allows you to hold your line between your fingertips, which makes it easier for you to feel even the lightest pick-up. When bucktailing, though, 95 percent of the time there are no light hits. The fluke simply pounds on what it believes to be a rapidly moving meal, inhales it, and scurries back to the bottom to enjoy it! There is usually no finesse required to hook a fluke that's been enticed by a bucktail jig. So far as I'm concerned, the decision between baitcasting gear and spinning tackle for bucktailing is really up to the

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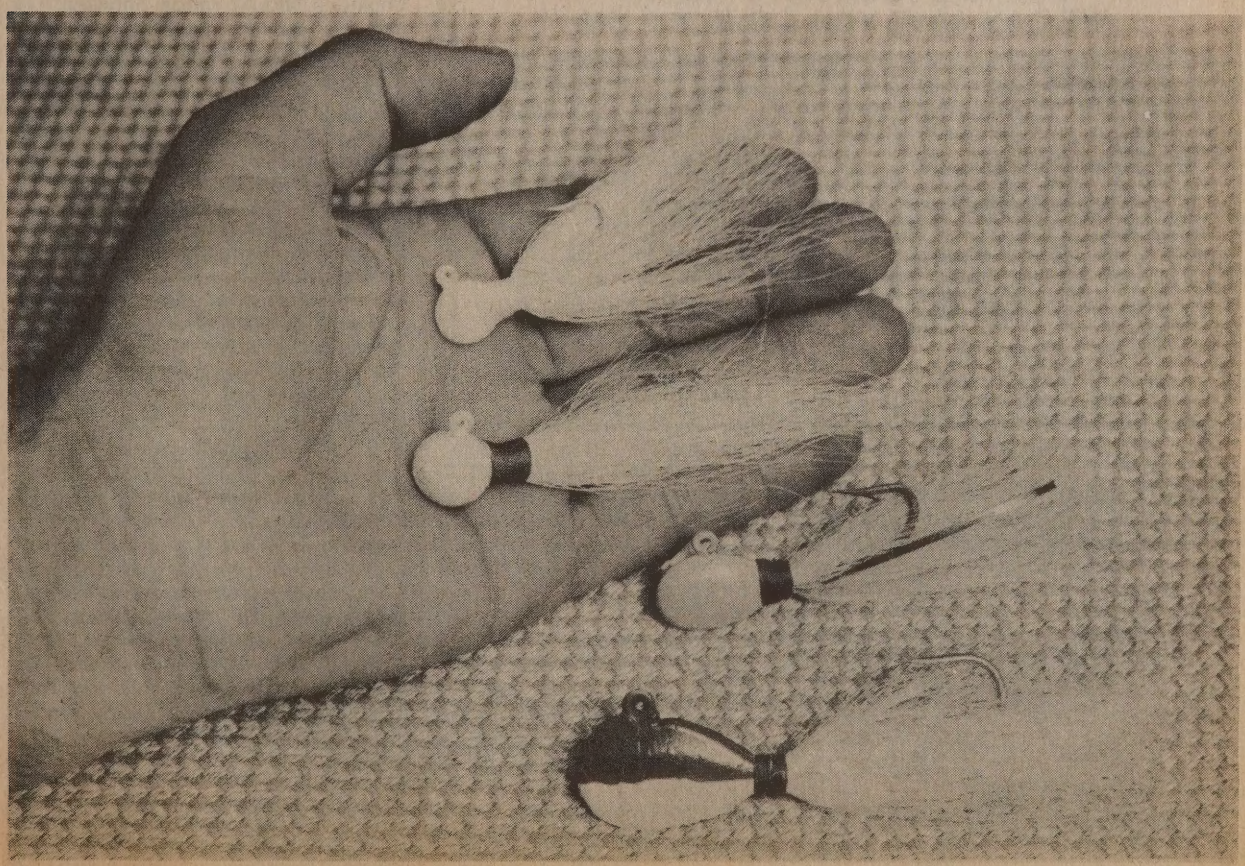

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individual. I suggest you use whichever one you feel more comfortable with.

If you are going to use baitcasting gear, I suggest you use a reel equivalent to the Garcia Ambassadeur 5500 or the Penn Levelmatic 920. If you plan to use a conventional reel, something about the size of a Penn 9MS would fit the bill nicely. If you'd rather use spinning tackle, go with something similar to the Penn 722, the Shakespeare Sigma 040 or the Shimano 2500. Pick a good light to medium weight S-glass or graphite rod about 6½ or 7 feet long to match the reel you've chosen, and fill your reel with some top quality 8 or 10 lb. test mono.

I hope you've noticed that I've recommended quality equipment. reason for this is that if you decide to skimp on equipment that's going to be used in such harsh surroundings, you're going to end up in the tackle shop buying a few outfit every season. I'm sure the tackle shop owner will love you, but that's a pretty foolish way to put a dent in your wallet.

When the time comes to choose your bucktails, you'll find the selections available as varied as snowflakes! I prefer to use a flat bucktail, that's shaped like a teardrop, or the kind that's commonly referred to as the musket ball type. Don't get me wrong; the other types of bucktails will produce fish also, but for fluke, I find these two shapes to be the most productive by far. The weight of your bucktails should range between 1/4 and 1½ ounces, depending on the depth of the water and the strength of the current. My favorite colors are white and white. Simple enough isn't it? Seriously, though, I find white to be the most effective color on fluke. Despite this, you'll still find yellow, green and red/white bucktails in my tackle box, although more often than not, they're just decorating the shelves when fluke are my target.

The bucktail should always be sweetened with a strip bait, 4 to 6 inches long, and about a half an inch wide. The strip bait should be pennant shaped, with the widest part impaled on the hook. Make sure the hook is inserted in the strip bait only once, and tail end should be split. This allows the strip bait to flutter enticingly in the current. The strip bait can be made from squid, sea robin, dogfish (sand shark) or fluke belly (from legal size fluke **please**). These are all good strip baits, but my favorite bait which is usually available throughout most of the fluke season is the snapper. Catch a few of these little battlers before you leave the dock early in the morning, fillet them, cut them into strips (as previously mentioned) and you'll find that each snapper will probably yield 4 to 6 prime strip baits to sweeten up a bucktail for fluke.

I'm sure most of you have some of those semi-forgotten weakfish lures, The Salty Dog, lying around in the bottom of your tackle box. Well,

rejoice, because these lures can be put to good use again. There are times when these lures will manage to outfish bucktails! Use the same weight Salty Dogs as you would bucktails, again your colors should lean heavily towards white, but pink will also produce. Whichever lure you decide to use, it should be tied directly to your line (without a leader or swivel) with either the improved clinch knot or the relatively new Trilene knot.

Now comes the tricky part: how to work the bucktail properly. The technique I use while bucktailing for fluke may be a litte unusual, but nonetheless it's very easy to learn. It is different from the technique most of you have heard or read about before, which is to cast your bucktail to the down current side of the drifting boat and retrieve it fast enough so that the lure still bounces along the bottom, as the boat drifts towards it. My method is to simply drop the bucktail over the **up current** side of the drifting boat, let it hit bottom, give it a few extra feet of line and begin jigging. If you remember earlier, I said that your bucktail should be bouncing along the bottom "with reckless abandon," what I meant by this was that I continuously give my lure very quick, 3 to 6 inch lifts of my rod tip, in 5 to 10 second intervals. During this time, my jig has made some 20 to 25 hops off the bottom, producing a lot of commotion in the process, which, in turn, can attract a fluke from some distance away. When I stop jigging, if I don't have a fluke on, I just let the bucktail drift along the bottom for a few seconds, much the same as in baitfishing for fluke. This will usually serve to induce those shy fluke to pounce on the bait before he gets dizzy watching that crazy bucktail go through its gyrations.

Most of the time though, you will hook up with a fluke either while you're jigging or just as the bucktail settles to the bottom for a short rest. You must remember to really work that bucktail, slow and steady just doesn't cut the mustard for this type of fishing. Of course, there will always be exceptions to the rule. There will be times when you'll get hit after hit, but all you'll end up with is an empty cooler to show for your efforts. When this happens, the instant you feel the hit, bow to the fish by lowering your rod tip to the surface of the water, wait a second or two, and then "Sink That Hook." You'll really enjoy the tussle that these flatties can put up if your tackle is matched to his ability. The aforementioned variation in hooking technique usually isn't necessary, but keep it in the back of your mind for those days when the fluke are picky and this could mean the difference between a mediocre day and a good one!

You can jig a bucktail for fluke anywhere in Reynolds Channel between Debs and Jones' Inlets. I've had a lot of my success hopping a bucktail through the rips that form in the middle of the channel just west of the Long Beach High School. The marshes to the west of the Cedarhurst Yacht Club (by the pink house) has also been very productive for me. You must stay close to the marsh in 8 to 12 feet of water and move around a lot until you find the main body of fish if you expect to connect here. Debs Inlet also holds fish, but only when the current isn't running full bore. To the east, closer to Jones Inlet, I've done well at day marker #17, especially on the south of side of Reynolds Channel. The flats to the east are also good but only at high water. Jones Inlet itself can also be productive, but again you have to hit it when the currents slacken.

I would just like to make one more comment about New York State's minimum 14 inch limit on all fluke. The last couple of seasons, many short fluke have been landed in our local bays and inlets, but unfortunately, whether it is through ignorance of the law or just plain stupidity, I have seen many short fluke kept by so-called sport fishermen. Come on fellas, give the little guys a chance to grow and hopefully some day reach braggin' size proportions. Let the shorts go as gently as possible, and keep only those "honest keepers." There are enough legal fish to go around, if you work for them!

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THE PERSEPHONE

by John Raguso

On May 15, 1942, the Panama Transport Company tanker Persephone shipped out from Aruba destined for the Port of New York. Carrying a cargo of 90,000+ barrels of fuel oil, she was captained by Master Helge Quistgaard and a crew of 36 other officers and men, most of them Scandanavian nationals. The vessel was unarmed.

The Persephone had joined up with a convoy making its way up the eastern United States seaboard, and after 10 days at sea, she was only about a half-day short of her ultimate destination. Unknown to her captain and crew, the tanker would never make port again.

When she was due east of Barnegat Light, New Jersey, the Persephone was struck by two Axis torpedoes fired from a German B-boat that was lurking just outside of Barnegat Inlet, in only 60 to 65 feet of water. One of the "tin fish" hit the engine room, causing the ship to sink by the stern within 25 minutes after the attack. The Persephone's damaged stern settled to the bottom in only 8 to 9 fathoms of water, in plain view of Barnegat's barrier beach, less than three miles from shore. The U.S. mainland may not have been invaded during World War II, but this was certainly a knock on the back door! There were many other such visits up and down the coast from the outer banks near Hatteras, past the Long Island shore up to Cape Cod. German U-boats claimed 467 allied vessels sunk during the first six months of World War II alone, and many of these were within 10 miles of the beach, obviously in contempt of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard patrol capabilities during the war's opening months of hostilities.

Of the Persephone's complement of 37, nine were killed in the attack and six others were injured. The 28 survivors, picked up from two lifeboats and a raft by Navy and Coast Guard vessels, were put ashore at Barnegat Coast Guard Station.

The bow of the Persephone stayed above water. During attempts at salvage, the torpedoes tanker broke in two, with her stern section remaining embedded in the sand. After inspection, salvage officers reported that there was no possibility of saving the stern portion of the vessel, but her bow was floated and towed to port. The forward part of the Persephone was brought into New York Harbor, where it was beached in Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn. About 21,000 barrels of oil in the ship's forward storage tanks were eventually taken off by large capacity barges.

Due to the unique circumstances created by wartime, the Persephone's usefulness did not end entirely on the beach of Gravesend Bay. On May 2, 1943, the Esso tanker Livingston Roe was severely damaged by fire while tied up at Recife, Brazil, burning out her midship house. The vessel was brought to Baltimore for extensive repairs. To complete this jog, the midship house of the Persephone, removed intact from her salvaged foward half, was taken to Baltimore and fitted to the Livingston Roe.

The following account of the attack on the Persephone was related by Captain Helge Quistgaard in the book "Ships of the Esso Fleet":

"On May 25, when the attack occurred, we were about two and a half miles east of Barnegat Light. The weather was slightly hazy and the sea calm. Visibility was good. The Wind was northeast, Force 2. We were the last ship in a convoy, with ample protection both in the air and on the surface.

"I was in my room. Second Mate Anton Andersen was on watch on the bridge, with Anders Dandvik, A.B. at the wheel. Kaj Mouritsen, O.S., was lookout on top of the wheelhouse. On duty in the engine room were Third Engineer Carl Nielsen, Fourth Engineer Gustav A. Soresen, Junior Engineer Folke Hallberg, and Oiler Carl Christensen.

THE PERSEPHONE
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: May 25, 1942
Length: 468.7 feet
Beam: 63.2 feet
Displacement: 8,426 gross tons
Year Built: 1925
Type of Vessel: Tanker
Hull Condition: Stern only. Blasted, broken up and wire dragged clear to 39 feet.
Depth of Water: 52 feet
Depth over Wreck: 39 feet
Lat/Lon Position: 39-46.20 N/74-01.99 W
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Port	Distance (Nautical Miles)	Heading (Magnetic) To	From
Absecon Inlet	30.1	046°	226°
Little Egg Inlet	20.4	047°	227°
Barnegat Inlet	3.0	088°	268°
Manasquan Inlet	19.8	192°	012°
Shark River Inlet	24.7	195°	015°
Sandy Hook	42.5	197°	017°
Rockaway Inlet	46.5	197°	017°
Debs Inlet	51.0	207°	027°
Jones Inlet	53.0	215°	035°
Fire Island Inlet	62.0	225°	045°

"At 2:58PM, a torpedo hit the Persephone on the starboard side in way of the engine room. A thick, black smoke covered the entire ship.

"About 45 seconds after the first explosion, another torpedo struck the Persephone at No. 8 tank, starboard side, causing large quantites of oil to spout onto the ship. The stern of the tanker settled immediately and rested on the bottom, leaving the bow and midship house sticking out of the water.

"I went to the bridge and gave orders to abandon ship. No. 1 lifeboat had been partly lowered by officers and crew members who were amidships at the time of the torpedoing. It got safely away with seven men. I noticed that a large raft was already floating about 300 feet from the Persephone, with 17 men on it. This raft was carried away by the backwash caused by the rapid settling of the ship's stern. A number of the crew, caught by the explosion as they were having coffee in the messroom, jumped onto this raft and were thus saved before it washed away.

"As I realized that the tanker's stern was resting on the bottom, I decided to collect all the navigation instruments I could carry and put them in lifeboat No. 2, which I lowered myself after making sure that all hands had left the ship. I was unable to row away alone, but was picked up by one of the escorting Coast Guard vessels. Other Coast Guard craft, which put out from shore in response to our distress signal, rescued the survivors in lifeboat No. 1, together with others who were in th water and those on the after port side life raft.

"The Coast Guard vessel that picked us up gave chase to the submarine, as did other escort units. At no time did the submarine show itself.

"At my request, I was returned to the Persephone to salvage 23 bags of U.S. Mail. The Coast Guard crew assisted in this work.

"I was landed, about 7PM, on May 25, at the Barnegat Coast Guard Station, where 27 other survivors had already been put ashore. Six of the men were injured: Chief Engineer Valdemar Pedersen, John Van Gilson, A.B.; Kaj Andersen, A.B.; Steward Vermund Tendal; Chief cook Karl A. Andersen, and Messman Joseph Pittoors. They were taken to the Royal Pines Hospital at Pinewald. NJ.

"The men lost on the Persephone were Third Engineer Carl Nielsen,, Fourth Engineer Gustav A. Sorensen, Junior Engineers Folke Hallberg and Martin Petersen, Pumpman Romain De Meyer, Electrician Karl Sundberg, Boatswain Thirkild Pedersen, Ordinary Seaman Willy Hohansen, and Oiler Manfred Sarapik."

Captain Quistgaard, his officers, and crew were generous in their expressions of gratitude for the good work done by Ensign L. Howell of the Coast Guard Station at Barnegat City and the personnel under his command. Appreciation was expressed by Mr. B.B. Howard, then General Manager of the Marine Department, in the following letter to the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard:

June 8, 1942

"Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As you know, the Panamanian Motor Tanker Persephone, owned by the Panama Transport Company, was attacked by an enemy submarine on May 25 off the Coast near Barnegat, N.J., resulting in the partial sinking of the vessel and the loss of nine members of the crew.

"Ensign L. Howell of the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Barnegat City, N.J., and the personnel under his command, rescued the survivors from this vessel, made them comfortable and rendered all necessary medical aid. Captain H. Quistgaard, master of the vessel, as well as the other officers and members of the crew who were rescued, are unanimous in praising this officer and his staff for their efficiency and kindness.

"It is respectfully requested that you transmit our appreciation and thanks to Ensign Howell. Respectfully, B.B. Howard."

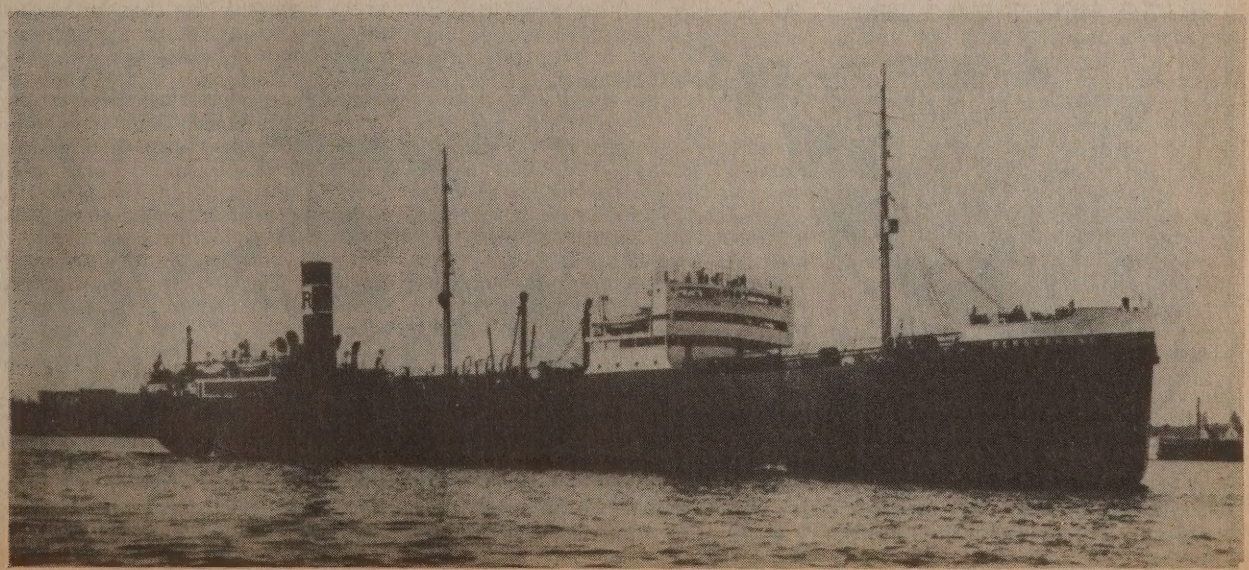
The Persephone had compiled a fairly commendable wartime transportation record before her sinking, and a breakdown of her voyages and cargo is as follows:

Year	Voyages	Barrels of Oil
1939	4	309,928
1940	5	390,779
1941	15	1,241,189
1942	5	445,773
Totals	**29**	**2,387,669**

After she became a permanent monument to the effectiveness of U-boat action off our coast, the Persephone's stern section was blasted by the Army Corps of Engineers on February 19, 1944 and was wire-dragged clear to 39 feet, in order to remove any hazard to future navigation.

From a fishing perspective, the Persephone's relative proximity to Barnegat Inlet makes this a very popular location for the Jersey Shore clique. You can expect to find blackfish, sea bass, hake, whiting and bluefish in season. Don't discount some doormat fluke hiding in the wreck's perimeter in the fall, and also anticipate an occasional visit from pelagic football tuna like bonito and false albacore in late summer and ear fall.

Next week, we're going to cruise about 56 nautical miles SSE of the Persephone's resting spot, to a point Southeast of Cape May to investigate the collision and sinking of a passenger liner during World War II. Her name is the City of Athens.



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THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

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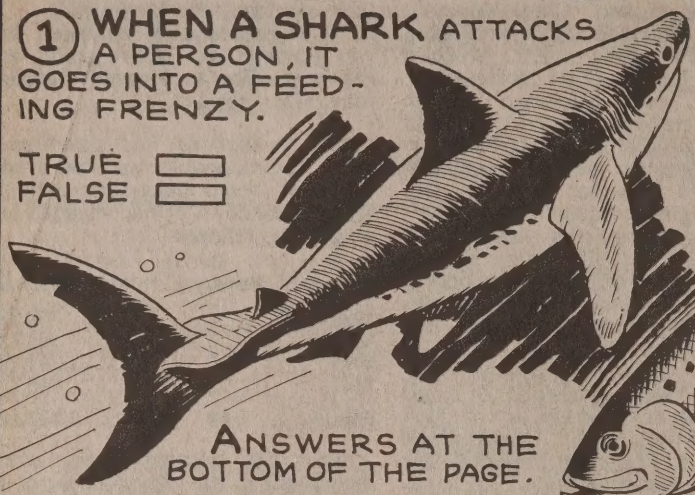

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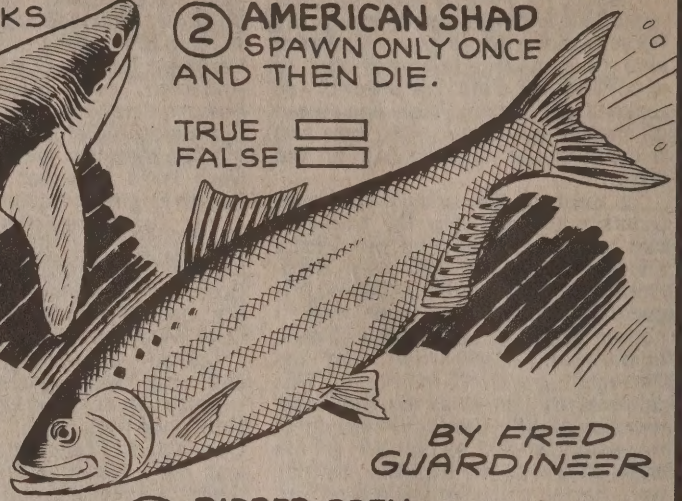

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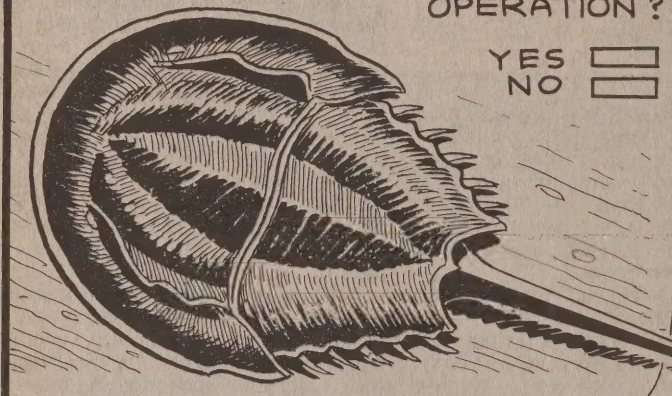
BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) **HORSESHOE CRABS** HAVE BECOME IMPORTANT FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND RARE BLUE BLOOD PLASMA IS COLLECTED FROM THEIR BODIES. ARE THESE ANCIENT ARTHROPODS HURT BY THIS OPERATION?

YES ☐
NO ☐



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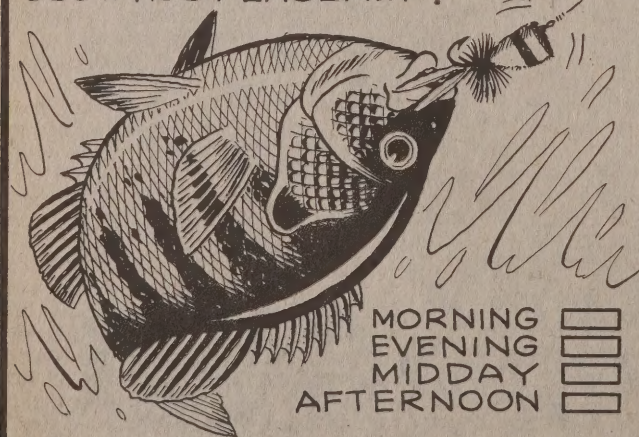

MORNING ☐
EVENING ☐
MIDDAY ☐
AFTERNOON ☐

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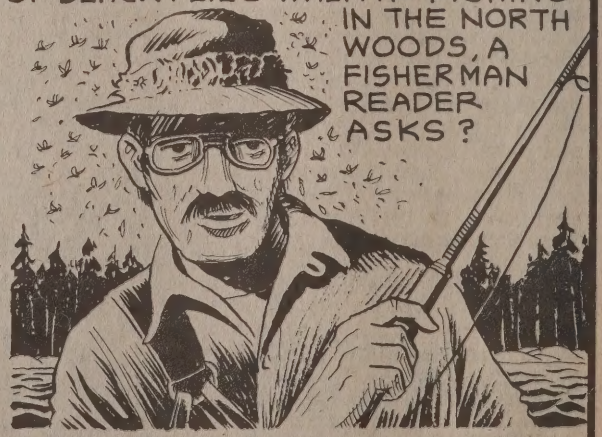

1-FALSE. SHARKS USUALLY DELIVER ONLY ONE OR TWO STRIKES BEFORE SWIMMING AWAY.
2-TRUE IN THE SOUTH, BUT IN THE NORTH THEY OFTEN SPAWN TWO OR MORE TIMES.
3-NO. THE CRABS ARE RETURNED UNHARMED TO THE SEA. 4-MERCEDES.
5-MORNING & EVENING. 6-SMEAR VICKS VAPORUB ON ALL EXPOSED FLESH. IT WORKS!

DARK NIGHTS AND LONELY BEACHES

by Ed Haring

A question frequently asked is, "Aren't you afraid to fish alone at night?" The answer is definitely NO. By using simple precautions I know that it is far safer than walking down Main St. or riding the subways. For one thing, even the most inexperienced mugger knows that fishermen h have skinny wallets and are not laden down with gold chains. Anyone I met was civil if not downright friendly. Some conversations with the shadows you meet can be interesting and even lengthy. Too bad you cannot recognize them by light of day. It is preferable to have a buddy or two to keep you company. It can be definitely on the plus side should some unforeseen mishap occur. Yet is is not easy to find someone who shares your views, so you just go it alone.

The simple precautions can be broken down as follows: do not wade out into deep water. The fish will be working so close to the shore, that it will amaze you. There have been instances where some brave soul ventured out only to hear that bass were actually slapping the water behind him. Look for most of the action to take place right in the wash.

Do not turn your back to the water. A rogue wave or a piece of driftwood can be very upsetting.

Whenever possible, try to familiarize yourself with the area by daylight at various stages of the tide. It is true that shifting sands can alter the conformation to some degree. It takes a pretty strong storm to create any drastic changes.

Fight off the temptation to fish from natural or man-made structures jutting out from the beach. A sand bar may be fine until the incoming tide cuts you off from the beach proper. They are fragile at best. Unless you are properly equipped and thoroughly familiar with stone piles and jetties, stay away from them.

There was an evening in Narragansett, RI that left an indelible reminder to think, observe and not be completely carried away by the fishing. There were a number of anglers on a rocky reef jutting seaward and nice sized bass were cooperating. Suddenly, I realized I was alone, the sea grew angry and the rising tide had cut off the way I had come out. Behind me was a wall of barnacle covered rocks at least four feet in height. It was a tough spot, especially dressed in full gear. I passed as much as I could over the rocks and then with a superhuman effort perfectly timed with a heavy incoming swell, I was catapulted to safety. My dignity, lure bag, light and fish gone, but the rod and reel survived. With bleeding fingers, many aches and water filled waders I made my way to the beach. On ascending the bluff to the car, an ill-tempered skunk was waiting and scored a direct hit. Enough to make a man cry? That night I would have traded all my tackle for a strong deodorant and six bocce lessons.

It is wise to protect your feet from sharp bits of shell, debris and other objects which are easily seen by light of day. Anything between a battered pair of sneakers on up to chest waders will fill the bill. I find hip boots to my liking on the ocean side or calmer inlet waters. Should some water get in through the top, you know you are in deeper than you have to be. Short boots give you more mobility and serve well on the back waters. Long pants and a loose fitting, long sleeved shirt are recommended.

As a rule, the breezes will subside a day's end. This means an increase in pest activity. First the gnats move in, followed by hordes of voracious skeeters. Do not be afraid to douse yourself liberally with insect repellent before leaving the parking lot and slip the can into a pocket. Be sure to rinse your hands thoroughly before handling lines or lures. The smell will repel the fish even more effectively than the bugs and may well damage your line. At night's end, spray your ankles with bug juice. All too often mosquitoes

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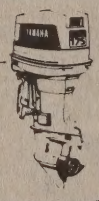

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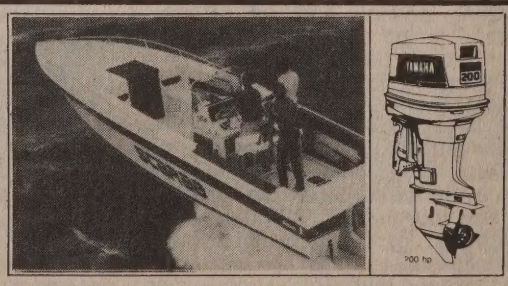

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get into the car and driving home can be miserable as they feast on your joints.

In years gone by I would have hesitated to recommend night fishing to anyone other than a bait fisherman. There were many of these in the advent of the spinning reel. Their Coleman lamps and bonfires stretched at intervals far down the beach. You needed weight to overcome the inertia of the conventional reels and the waterlogged Cuttyhunk line and the fewer casts you were called on to make, the less overruns you had to contend with. The dedicated plug caster had to have a highly educated thumb and the eyes of a cat as he tossed his clumsy oversized plug seaward. They were true artists, but even the best could expect an off night as he picked away at a monumental bird's-nest muttering unprintable language. The spin-offs (no pun intended)—small diameter mono, small lifelike plugs and light composition rods have revolutionized the game. If you can fish in daylight you can do so equally well in darkness.

That last word brings up an important point: you should have a reliable light that will enable you to see when you change lures, unhook fish, etc. It need not rival Montauk's beacon, for you will seldom need it except for close-up activity. To enable you to use both hands, it is best suspended from your neck, on your forehead, or clipped to a shirt pocket. A large variety are available in tackle shops and I've tried most. As a rule, I found them heavy and the wires between the lamp and battery case to be fragile and constantly getting in the way. Now I use a cheap plastic pocket type affair with enough elastic to go over my head securely taped to it. It used two C batteries which are fully recharged after each trip.

The selection of tackle is strictly a matter of choice. As for myself, I like to go at least one step lighter than I would by day, because long casts are not required. The line on the reel is 10 lb. and in my pocket is an extra spool loaded with 14 test. The drag is set well below the breaking point. If extra pressure is needed, it can easily be applied by fingering the spool. I am out there to fight the fish, not to pull out his bridgework.

Experience makes me lean to the minnow type lures. All the big bass I caught—from a shade over 50 with a fair share ranging down to the lower 30s—fell victim to 5½ inch, undoctored, Rebels. That should bear out the fact that long casts are not required. It is nice to experiment so a few teasers, light tins and bottom hugging plastics are added along with whatever is touted as the "killer of the year." Whatever lure you employ, fish it **very slowly**. That may be hard to remember after a few casts and you'll find yourself reverting to usual retrieve. Remember big fish are lazy and they are not going to race after your counterfeit while the real thing is all around them.

Mainly night fishermen can be divided into two groups: the sundowners and sun risers or dawn patrol. The chances of a good catch are equally divided. A good predator never wanders too far from his food supply. The bait moves in at dusk and back to the deeper waters after dawn. The living is easy during the summer, plenty of plankton to satisfy the bait and easy picking for the big boys cruising the cooling bottom waters. These are the times the daytime fishermen have dubbed the doldrums. It so happens that during the period of late June on through the middle of August that my best catches were made—all inside the inlets.

One word of warning: if you choose to be a sundowner, forget the chances of winning tournaments. When you return to civilization all sane tackle dealers are sound asleep. You have a long wait before they open and then the cash customer is given priority as he should. The big corpse that you sat up with all night attracts attention and the boys heading out decide to invest in a few extra lures. Finally he gets on the scale and ends up a winner. You had your moment of glory, but was it worth it? Yeah, but never again!

Do not entertain the idea that just because you are going to give the hours between dusk and dawn a whirl that you are going to return laden down with king sized fish. The more aggressive younger members of the clan are liable to make off with your offering while their parents ponder the situation. Then there will be nights when nothing will provoke a strike.

All too many of us walk past more fish than we can hope to take in several lifetimes just to reach a spot that was productive last night. I prefer to stroll leisurely toward that area, pausing every few hundred feet favoring the uptide area, but not neglecting to make a cast downtide as well. Fish the lure right up to the sand at your feet—often there will come a startling splash almost at arm's length and the drag will whine in protest. Something is out there in the darkness that will not be seen until you ease onto the beach. This method has worked very well for me—especially last season. No one was within a half mile of me. The fish stayed there cutting the usual walking distance by close to 3/4 of a mile. Where your quarry may be is at best an educated guess—even the deadliest lure will not produce while hanging from your rod tip—so it can't be a total waste of time to make a few casts along the way.

Dead fish alone are not the bottom line. If you feed the cost of your tackle and all other incidental expenses into the computer and the divide it by the poundage the most expert surfer actually catches, you would be way ahead of the game paying the fancy prices the market is asking. The difference is sport, relaxation and excitement. It is all out there waiting for you—and cheap at half the price.

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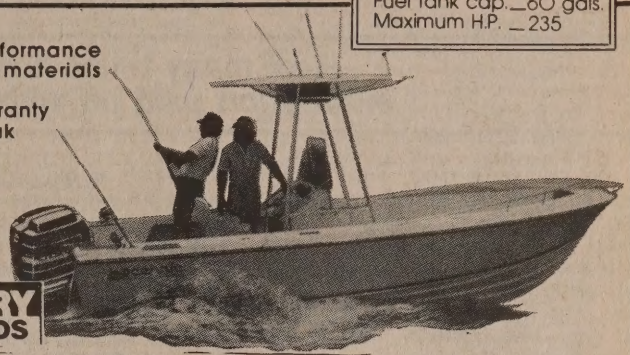

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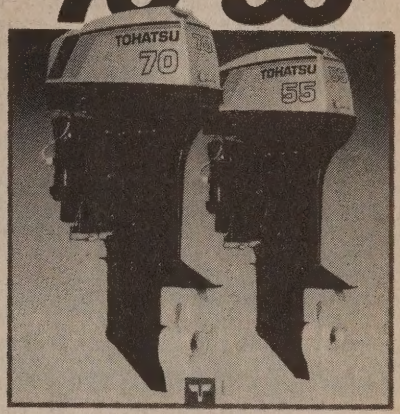

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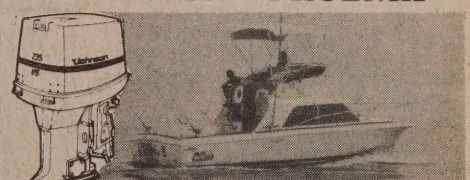

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ONE LAST SHOT

by Matt Ahern

How many times has that little bit of extra effort paid off with fish in the bucket?

Let me ask something. How often have you gone fishing and returned home with little or nothing in your bucket—all that effort gone to waste; only to return the next day or the next week and have someone tell you: "Hey, the fish started biting right after you left, feller?" Plenty of times—right?

Well, don't feel too bad about it. You've had plenty of company all along. Old buddy Matt for one. I know just how you felt at the time. I'll tell you right now that in the beginning of my fishing career, this state of affairs used to be common. This still happens from time to time, but when it does it is usually due to something beyond my immediate control. I have long since learned to make one last cast—to take that one last shot.

I can recall many times when I've put in a tough and disappointing day, thoroughly disgusted, tired, exhausted, sunburned to a fare-thee-well, and without a fish in the bucket, only to make one more cast, the cast that salvaged the day.

Of course, if you are party boat fishing, let's say, there isn't much you can do about giving that extra bit of effort that often means so much. But then when you are party boat fishing, you are pretty certain of getting some kind of action most times.

But what about those times when you or a few buddies are going it on your own? When the day is the answer to your prayers (these are usually the ones the fish decide to give you a hard time), there is no reason in the world why you should not stick it out as long as possible. Sure, it's discouraging to dunk bait for hours with little or no action. But you took up the sport of fishing and you might as well learn (and expect) to take the bad with the good.

I'll give you an example of what I mean, although I'm sure that when you finish reading you'll say I'm a fine one to give advice.

Several years ago Artie Leidecker and I, along with a couple of the guys, decided to take Artie's "Echo" and look up some codfish—mine and Artie's middle name. You fellows reading these articles over a period of years know that I consider Artie the best codfisherman around these parts. Maybe I'm prejudiced. Fish with a guy for over 60 years and I guess it isn't difficult to feel that way.

One thing you should know about Artie—he's an old grump. And when you go out with Artie, you have little to say in the matter of where you fish; or what you fish for—except during codfishing time when he almost becomes human, for he would rather catch cod than any other fish, as I say. But he is skipper and that's it. During winter, of course, you can expect to fish cod, but exactly where on God's wide ocean Artie intends to fish you won't know until you get there. You may guess and surmise all you want and just when you think you have it, he's liable to drop anchor over a piece of bottom we haven't fished in years. Such are some of the idiosyncrasies of my fishing buddy Artie Leidecker.

But anyway...to continue.

The day I have in mind was a pretty day. Bright and not really too cold for December, making it comfortable when sheltered from the wind which was faint and from the northwest, with the hint of muscle behind it. It was one of the days that could go to the bad as well as the good. In other words, a typical winter codfishing day.

Al Dunn and I sat in the stern shucking skimmer, slicing bait, and chewing the fat. Rotund Charlie Hall checked through a bag of skimmer, putting aside for chum those which were cracked. Artie held the wheel, his pipe going full blast, his sharp eye sharing glances between the compass and the distant horizon, all the while easing the Echo a touch here and a mite there as we traveled in a southerly direction.

Al leaned over and whispered: "Where we fishin'?" Evidently he had also noticed those idiosyncrasies.

I shrugged and looked astern, lining up the Jones Bell Buoy with the direction we were headed. "Looks like Cholera to me," I said. "But don't count on it."

But Cholera it was. Artie Selected one of the high spots and upon signal, I dropped the anchor. With that hope and exquisite thrill known to all anglers, I baited up and sent my rig through 90 feet of water. And waited.

And waited.

And then waited some more. Not so much as a bergall bite. Not even a frisky doggie. One hour passed in this manner.

We batted over some skimmer chum and stood like statues for two more hours. Finally, Artie strode to the bow, checked the anchor and put it on the inside port bow, which had the effect of swinging us off the original spot. He might as well have left it alone for all the good it did.

I guess another hour passed in silence and then Artie placed his rod aside and glumly surveyed all hands. "Okay," he said. "Which one of your characters will be the first to tell me to move the boat? How about you, Matt? Lord knows you been itching to for the last two hours."

"Who, me?" I said. "Never. Don't put me in the middle. You know I don't make suggestions on your boat—not much anyway. But maybe if you got farther offshore and drifted, we..."

Well, the upshot was that we remained in that spot until almost three o'clock. Seven hours of pure boredom. And not one of us had gotten so much as a bergall, dogfish, conger eel, ling or whiting to liven the time.

I had long since given up and gone below and tucked away an hour or two or much needed sleep. I came up on deck and found Al and Charley nodding in the stern, trying to keep awake with stories of better fishing days. The only one still fishing was Artie.

"Well, well, well," I greeted with false cheer, hoping at the same time he would get the hint. "Time to go if we want a little daylight left when we get in. Time for all the little die-hards to give up."

"Okay, smart aleck. We'll go. Just give me one more shot and you can pull anchor."

With that, he reeled in, put on fresh bait, lowered the rig—and came up with a cod. Not big; about five pounds. Down went the rig again. Up came another cod, slightly larger. By this time the rest of us were filled with pep, vim and vigor. Gone were the doldrums and boredom of inactivity. We finished fishing at twilight with nine cod aboard—the largest about 15 pounds.

So much for the importance of one last shot when codfishing.

But this last shot business applies to whatever fishing you might be doing. Because of this and because I'm continuously bubbling over with fishing stories which apply, I'll relate one more and call it a day. This one instead of taking place on the open sea, takes place on inland waters—Shinnecock Canal, to be exact.

As many recall, some 10/12 years ago weakfish made a grand comeback

after a much too long absence, and one of the finest places to connect was Shinnecock Canal. It was as good as the weakfishing we old-timers enjoyed in the late 20s and early 30s in Peconic Bay. But because of the crowds of fishermen trying for these most beautiful of all fishes at that time (some from as far away as Massachusetts and Maine spent an entire week, fishing both night and day), most of my weakfishing was done at night.

Anyway—at the time I want to tell you about I had been keeping an eye peeled and an ear cocked for signs of weaks. It was toward the end of April, which is a little early by ten days for weakfish, as a rule. But the netters had been getting a few and I figured it might be worth the effort. What the heck, for weakfish anything is worth the gamble.

On this particular evening when the fishing gods whispered in my ear that the time was nigh, I talked my son Steve into going with me, which you may be sure wasn't a bit difficult to do. We would begin to fish about 9PM and as there was school the next day, I promised my ever-loving I'd have Steve Home in time for a decent night's sleep. I made that promise easy enough because I didn't really think too much of our chances of connecting so early in the season. But because we were fishermen...

Well, we set up shop about 150 feet south of the locks and began casting lures: Steve using a white Bill Upperman bucktail; while I placed my faith in a plain unadorned silver-headed jig, tipped with a short flag of squid.

We cast and cast until we were arm-weary, with not one weakfish to our credit, or any sign of one. Only one other human was on the scene, an excellent fisherman with whom I had often fished. He was trying his luck on the opposite side of the Canal from us. We called across our discouraging news and as it was close to eleven, I told him we were going to quit. He agreed he wouldn't be far behind us, but first he was going to stick it out for a few additional minutes.

Steve had already dismantled his gear and was stowing it in the car when he let out a cry: "Hey! Look! Freddy's got one!"

And sure enough. There was Freddy standing in the gloom and fighting a good sized fish with a bowed rod. Well, I'll tell you, in seconds we were casting those lures again. And then it started. One weakfish after another. Every cast resulted in a strike—many the instant the lure hit the water. If a fish was missed, it mattered not, for there was another waiting to grab hold immediately. There were so many weakfish that night in Shinnecock Canal trapped near the lock doors it was like fishing in that proverbial barrel. When one weak was landed, a half dozen or more were milling around the net. It was simply one of the best weakfishing trips I had in over a half-century of weakfish chasing.

We stopped putting fish in the container, but continued to fish. Some of those weaks we returned were 6 lbs. and better—I know I had a 9 pounder I released. Most of these fish were spawn ladened and, size or no size, it was simply a crime to keep them.

At one time I experimented by casting a bare cadmium-plated hooks, no bait, nothing—I still caught fish! It was certainly a night to be remembered. We kept 23 weaks from 3 to 6 lbs. Gutted, their total weight exceeded 67 lbs. That night we filled the freezer.

When we returned home in the wee hours, I caught you-know-what and Steve probably fell asleep in school the next day. But that was nothing—he didn't even attend school the next day because the evening before we returned to the Canal loaded for bear—and didn't get a hit. We fished until 3AM and this time we didn't quit early as we did the night before. But it availed us naught. But as I mentioned earlier, if the fish aren't there, patience and determination are of no use.

Now. Suppose on that night we caught all those weaks we had left only minutes before Freddy hooked into that first weak. Instead of having fond memories of that night, it would have gone into the record book as just another failure. We had simply given up too soon. We lacked patience and determination.

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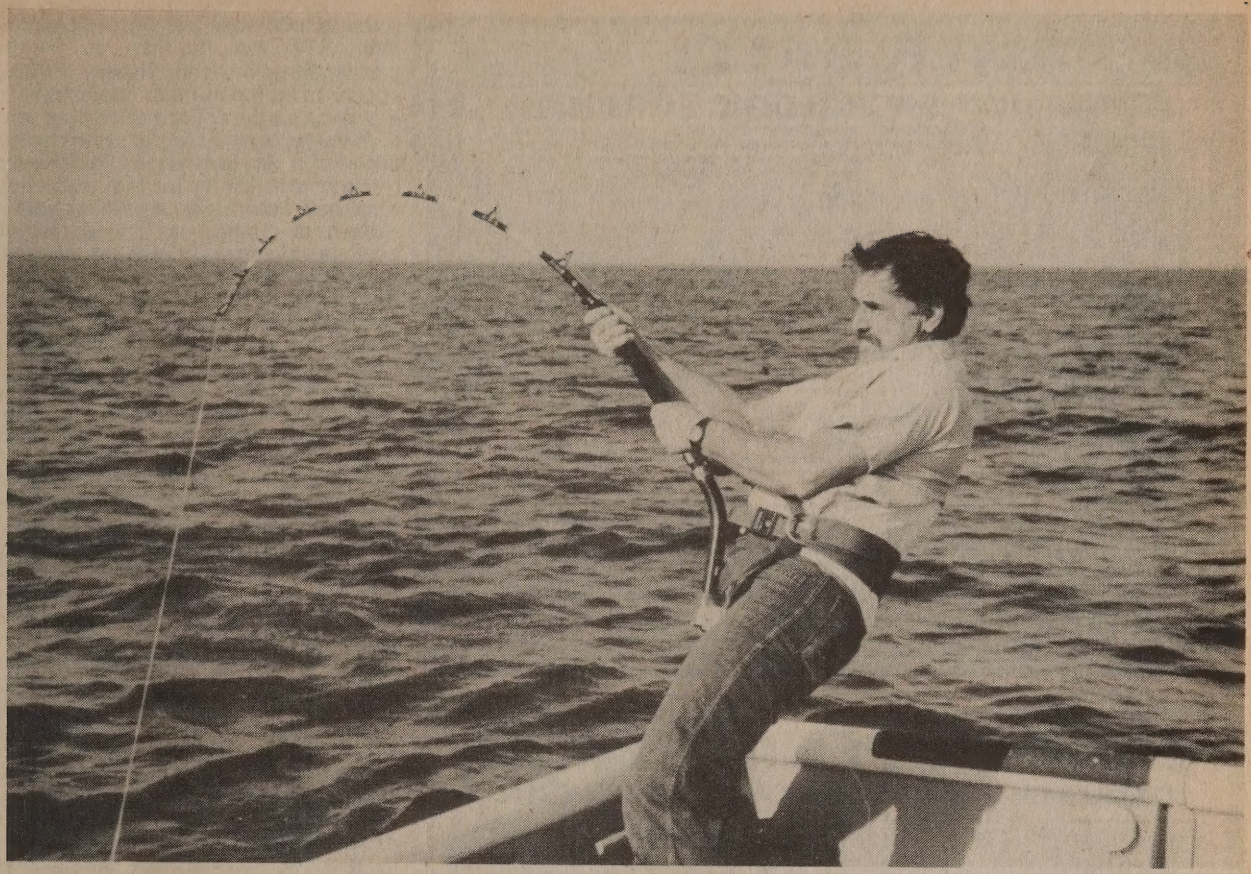

A REVOLUTION IN TUNA FISHING

by Capt. Bob Rocchetta

Once the sport of deep sea fishing was enjoyed by only an elite few. However, progress has brought us improved equipment and prosperity has made it possible for a much wider range of anglers to experience the aesthetics and thrills often found in the deep blue waters. On an offshore trip, you start your day as part of the sunrise. As you follow the sun across the day's sky, the wild scream of a reel breaks the sea's tranquil lullaby and all hands scramble to position to meet the challenge of a mighty fish. You feel the tingle of adrenalin reach all parts of your body and forget all else but the matter at hand. Sometime later, if all goes well, the trophy of a lifetime is next to the boat and the memory forever embedded in your heart and mind.

My own introduction to deep sea fishing came when I was just a youngster. I would watch my dad cast his tins off the Montauk rocks and as I watched, I couldn't help but notice some of Montauk's early charter and sport fishing boats returning from sea. I knew we would soon the leave the Point and head to the harbor docks to watch the excitement of unloading. As the 50s came to an end, Montauk remained a peaceful, quiet sea port town that tourists would occasionally visit to enjoy fishing and the sights. Big wooden boats with skillful, experienced skippers led the few who ventured offshore. But as the 60s arrived, things were to change. The world of deep sea fishing had been struck with a bolt of lightning, for from within the hidden corners of fear came "The Monster Man." Captain Frank Mundus had blown the minds of millions around the world as TV and radio broadcasts played to a denizen of the deep. The fish, too big to lift with any block and tackle in the harbor, would soon change the outlook of Montauk: the Great White had made its debut.

As time went on, I knew I would someday fish deep in the ocean—maybe even 15 ot 20 miles out, for back then, tuna and marlin were commonly caught within sight of land, in areas just south of the Point and even to the northeast of Montauk on Nebraska Shoals. The Canyons were equivalent to Columbus' end of the world explorations. The arrival of the fiberglass boat, inflation, a growing population, a burning desire to experience the unknown, and the lust for adventure, has attracted more than one young boy to the depths. It has brought many thousands of anglers to battle shark, marlin and wthe mighty tuna. Each year, more and better equipped mid-size boats, from 20 to 26 feet, appear on the offshore grounds. Twin motors and full electronics for navigation and safety is the rule, not the exception. Thousands of dollars are invested to be part of the action. Increasingly, tuna are the target.

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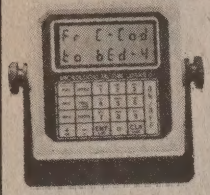

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through October and sometimes later. By the number of boats participating in the fishery, they appear to be the number one offshore big game species. Tuna are fished for in many parts of the world, with many different styles of gear. In California, rod and reel fishing for big yellowfin tuna has become a state-of-the-art. Known as long-range fishing, large boats take to sea routinely for trips of from 5 to 23 days of sport fishing. Anglers fight tuna from the teens to well over 300 lbs. The thing that makes this unique is that they do it from an anchored boat with a stand-up rod and reel. Being tied to any tuna on matching tackle is an experience you won't soon forget. But when you start talking about fish 100 lbs. or better on stand-up tackle, you had better have your act together. There's no room for mistakes. Hooks, line, rod, reel, gimbal, harness and angler had better be ready for the task. Because of their style of fishing, the Californians needed a better tool to do the job. They needed a rod strong enough to be pulled on with both arms and give leverage to the angler, not the fish. What came to be were shorter rods, from 5 to 5½ feet with short butts, which made it easier to reel. Locking gimbals, for rod stability, were fastened to the butt. Strong hooded reel seats to support 4/0 to 10/0 reels loaded with up to 130 lb. test line, were a must. Above the reel seats, long hypalon grips of 13 to 15 inches were added for dual arm pulling power. When specially designed blanks for power and performance were topped with low wear guides, such as rollers or silicone carbide, the rods were ready for action. With rods placed into a good gimbal belt, and a kidney harness for lower back support, the angler now stands a fair chance of landing large fish while standing up. Although small in size and relatively light in weight (not in strenth), the rods are real powerhouses. I've been amazed how young kids and women can land big tuna with this style rod. The key is pacing yourself and letting the equipment work for you, not against you. With these California style rods, you always have a great deal of pressure on the fish. On my boat, the Rainbow, out of Montauk, I've been using Sabre 30 to 80 lb. class rods (CTS 655) and 50 to 130 lb. class rods (CTS 6455) on tuna for the past two seasons. I tell my clients to watch the rod tip: if it's almost straight, they can crank the reel, adding more pressure, which increases the chances of landing the tuna.

I like to use a low ratio reel for better pulling power on big fish; 4/0s or 6/10s packed with 40 to 60 lb. test work well on fish of 100 lbs. or less; 9/0 and 10/0 reels packed with 80 to 130 do the job on the larger fish. Although this style of fishing is new to the East Coast, there have been tuna, well over 300 lbs., landed using this method. Captain Robbie Aaronson, Montauk skipper and angler-extra-

ordinaire, boated one of the giants using this method aboard Eddie Miller's West Lake II, out of West Lake Marina.

It pays to be an early bird when tuna fishing, for many times the bite is on for just the first two hours of light. As you glide into the fleet, it's discouraging to hear one of your friends key his microphone and say "you're too late." As though someone shuts the door, it's over and may not occur again until sunset. Even the freshest bait and a well-hidden hook a a light leader will not produce. Speaking of bait, I cut chunks of butterfish, herring, mackerel and bunker, ice them down and place them in coolers to keep them fresh. These are all some of the commonly-used baits. One of the things to remember when "chunking the slick" is to keep your hooked baits in among the chunks. Tuna appear to have a keen eye and more often than not will avoid the bait with the leader draping out of it when it stands alone in clean water. I use camouflaged colored line in soft blues and greens to match sea colors, and hand-work the drift line down with chunks of bait. When working a line by hand, be careful not to step into it or tangle the coils of line you've pulled off your reel. I prefer to keep all the loose line over the side in the water next to the boat. When I toss my hooked bait into the chunks, I make sure it doesn't run through the loose coils. That's the safest way of doing it.

On a nerve-wracking day, when these efforts don't work, it's time to do something different. So off the anchor ball we go and out come the diamonds jigs or trolling lures. Many times a diamond jig of about 4 to 6 oz. or larger tuned the trick when worked just about as fast as you can reel from bottom to surface, for the fish can be anywhere. This is where a good graph recorder that's turned on and constantly monitored can be a great help in locating the depth the fish are located at. When using a diamond jig, be alert! Many times the bite is on the drop. Make sure your hooks are sharp and be quick to set them. Here, the slow powerhouse outfits are replaced with high speed retrieve reels to make the jigging more efficient and less tiring on the anglers.

Having good equipment and knowing certain techniques are not the only prerequisite to landing a tuna. You can expect almost any tuna to put up a fantastic battle as pound for pound, they are one of the fightingest fish in the world. They have power, speed, and size to suit all anglers and at many times can be found within 15 miles of shore. It will take determination, stamina, and a fair amount of physical fitness for an angler to battle these mighty fish. But, at the end of the day, with that trophy in the boat or proudly tagged and released, even an exhausted angler can forget the aches and pains of the battle, lay back and truly appreciate (and probably never forget) his adventure.

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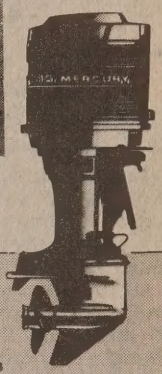

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FUN WITH BLUEGILLS

by Carl Buxbaum

These scrappy little panfish have a knack for entertaining young and old alike.

I learned to appreciate bluegills close to 40 years ago, while we were taking a modest summer vacation in upstate New York. My parents worried because there were no other boys my age staying in the cluster of small cabins, beside the old cow pasture. Even stretching things a couple of years older and younger, too few of us could be scrounged up to organize a softball team, or anything else—despite my father's best efforts to save me from lonely boredom. But I wasn't worried. You see, the owner of the place told me about a lake that was touted as the home of the fattest bass in the county.

Every morning I took lunch and fishing gear, trekked to the lake, and caught nothing. Enthusiastic determination gradually withered as failure followed failure, and I walked down the decaying back road more lethargically—taking time to chase snakes and play with salamanders sitting in the morning dew, near the little farm pond that was separated from the road by an ancient stone fence. My city kid mentality told me that climbing the flat stones and passing between the faded "Posted" signs, tenuously fixed to trees with well rusted nails, would result in a backside full of buckshot. Yet temptation eventually overtook fear on my way back from another skunking at the big bass lake.

Some sort of hatch was in progress, and I could hear the spatting and see the telltale rings of rising fish in the pond. Curious, I picked a blueberry and threw it over the stone fence, failing to reach the water. On the next try a plump, heavier berry just made the pond. And it was instantly snatched by a finned center fielder.

The low stone wall was easy to negotiate, even though the spiders and snakes it harbored gave me the creeps. My heart thumped as a tangle of barbed wire, remnants of a long gone fence that ran between the Posted signs, snagged and tore at my new Levi's. I waited; the anticipated shotgun blast never came; and I looked to the heavens, whispering "Thanks!"

Any worm remaining in the beat up Prince Albert can had slithered to the bottom of a mixture of moss and soil, seeking whatever moisture survived the day. And because my stubby fingers couldn't work down that far, I emptied the deep, flat tin on the ground. Only a single worm was left. So I pinched off a small piece with my thumbnail, threaded it on a little hook, made a short cast and had a fish on before the bait sank. The swift, powerful strike and twitching of life at the end of the line set my knees shaking—finally, at last, I'd tied into a mean old bass, the kind you always saw on the unreal covers of Outdoor Life. It turned out to be a bluegill. How disappointing. But as I remember, it's still the biggest one I've seen—to this day. After six more 'gills fat enough to fillet, the bait ran out.

Barehanded digging at the edge of the pond failed to turn up any worms—though it seemed as if all of nature's most odious creatures lived in the boggy soil, were sandwiched between the earth and a carpet of rotting leaves, or were holed up under rocks. The place was so alive with primitive animals that it looked like the set of a horror movie in miniature. However much maggots, and things like that, sent shudders through my spine, I wanted more bluegills. With clenched stomach, I filled the can with any zoological I found—delivering the ultimate indignity to the elegant portrait of Prince Albert that made me favor the bait container so.

The 'gills ate it all. I'm sure they'll gobble anything and won't quit trying, even on baits too husky for their little mouths. I swaggered back toward our cabin, proud and happy, meeting my angry father halfway. I was two hours late for dinner, and he'd come to drag me home by an ear. My joy diminished his fury and we were joking by the time we came through the door. Mother was less forgiving. First she scolded about my muddy, maggotty, torn jeans; then the filthy, slimy back of my shirt,

where 28 fish dangled after I slung the stringer over a shoulder; finally, we found out what was eating her: "And who do you think is going to clean that mess of fish?" she barked like a drill sergeant. Astonishingly, she thought she too was on vacation. Imagine that.

Not much was said while I learned to clean fish. Nor was anything said during dinner. But afterward Pop refilled his tobacco pouch, packed his pipe, lit it and handed me a brand new Prince Ajlbert can—our little secret. I decided never to be late again; unless I wanted a new bait box, at least.

Bluegills entertained me for the rest of the vacation. And they still do—when I want some plain fun. Only now I go at them differently, never handling a maggot or even a garden worm. It's much more amusing to take 'gills on artificials, presented with ultralight spinning outfits and two pound line or fly rods tuned for trout.

For spinning, I've had a fair amount of luck with a variety of lures. These include 1/16 oz. poppers, 1/8 oz. Kastmasters and similarly diminutive spoons, the smallest Panther Martin and Mepps type spinners, minute plastic tailed jigs and safety pin spinnerbaits, and two inch or smaller slim minnow plugs—especially the junior member of the Rebel line.

Except when the fish are on a feeding binge, popping plugs are frustrating—though they are most enjoyable to use. Often you'll see a half dozen or so bluegills hovering under a popper, as if they're watching a movie. They run off for some popcorn when the plug's activated and then return for the next scene, but they don't take. At times like that, they'll jump all over a floating slim minnow plug—even as it sits dead in the water. The fact is, however, that anglers using sub-surface lures, on **slow** and steady retrieves, nearly always do better.

Though small, cork popping bugs are favored by fly casters toying with 'gills, catches are increased by using some standard trout flies. I've done well with ant, beetle and spider patterns tied on size 14 hooks; better yet with a #12 or #14 Adams. But again, sub-surface presentations are most effective and tend to raise more robust fish; which have a particular liking for weighted nymphs on the drop, with a bit of action transmitted through a gently jiggled rod tip. Traditional wet flies, like the Leadwing Coachman, and small streamers, say size 8 or 10, also take a nice share of bluegills.

However easy they may be to catch, sometimes 'gills are hard to find; especially during the summer, after moving off their spawning beds. Once they settle into an area, though, they tend to stay put through the season—rarely moving more than 60 or 70 feet from home base. So an angler who locates a good body of fish can usually pick away at it day after day—a lighthearted continuing performance.

And they're so prolific that you don't have to worry about overharvesting. In fact, the thinning of bluegill stocks, in most local waters, may well reduce the number of stunted fish and even help out their big cousins, bass, by reducing the intensity of competition for food.

Like bass, bluegills hold in cover and your best shot at locating them is to check out quiet, weedy waters. When these likely spots don't seem to produce, I generally drift and cast; eventually finding a good school. But often, during hot weather, all I locate are bantamweights. I've learned that moving to the nearest dropoff, where the water's a little deeper, can open some memorable innings with fish that are just right for the skillet.

My bass fishing partners have learned to tolerate my eccentric interest in bluegills. Until the need to prove my fishing prowess faded with age, I secretly went for 'gills alone, or made some feeble excuse about needing more practice with a fly rod. But now I shamelessly stow a 6 weight fly rig or ultralight spinning outfit, depending on my mood, in the boat—right alongside my business-like bass rods.

He'd been sucked into doing so after he was left out of the action during a particularly fine episode. We were working plastic worms along bottom and nearly every time we lifted them at the end of a retrieve, we felt short, hard raps. Little fish were smacking worms twice their own size. And I couldn't resist tying a tiny snap to the two pound outfit and adding an inch and a half Rebel. The snap not only helps the lure to swim livelier, but because the plug is so small, it sinks a bit under the burden of extra weight and runs below the surface on the slowest possible retrieve.

This lethal technique took scrappy bluegills on every cast. But however much I enjoyed myself, my companion grew increasingly frustrated and edgy. He insisted that I stop fooling and get down to some serious bassing. We compromised by moving the boat out about 20 feet, over deeper water. Still, he found no eager bass. The tiny Rebel, though, started scoring on fat, eating size, 'gills that took the plug so hungrily that I needed a forceps to work the lure back out through their tiny, puckered lips. The last one hit like a keeper largemouth. But it kept sweeping left, then right, and then ran a half circle around the boat—instead of jumping. It was a beautiful fish, rich in color, almost the size of the one I caught as a boy.

Yet the day was incomplete, in some strange and curious way. There was a missing ingredient: two 1950's vintage Prince Albert tins—one beat up and rusty for low life bait, like maggots or grubs, and a new looking one for worms—that's what I need.

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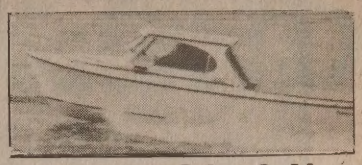

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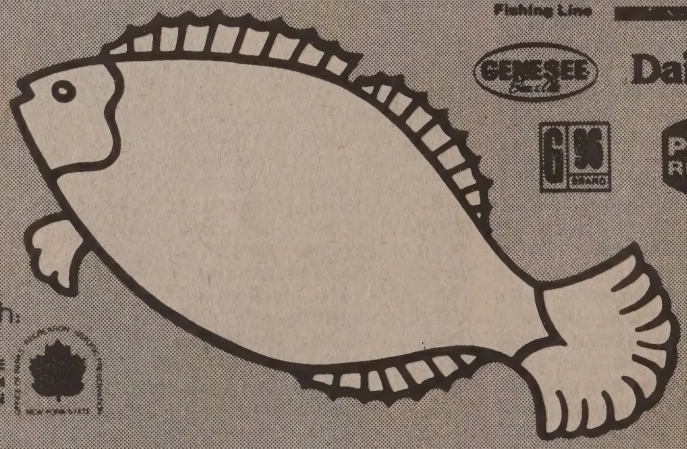

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DAY SAVER AT GARDINERS ISLAND

by Gerald Hahn

June can be a tough time for some species here. Happily, bluefish are not among them!

"June was a bummer," said Harry. Frankly, I had no trouble agreeing. June has generally not been kind to me. In past years, no matter where I fished—on the Sound or the South Shore Bays—I usually caught a myriad of sea robins and windowpanes in June. That's why Harry's remark surprised me. For ever since he moved to the East End, he has done rather well in June, catching fluke and big porgies mixed with some sea bass and spring blackfish. A few tiderunners over 10 lbs. would highlight the month. I should know. I netted those tiderunners two years ago in June, and we did very well with other species, too. In fact, it was the first June in a long time that I had made a decent catch.

Last June, however, seemed like old times again. Not only couldn't we locate a weakfish of any size, let alone a tiderunner, but the porgies were delayed and the few fluke around, mostly shorts. Harry and I would load up with sand eels and squid and skimmers and bunker chum and clam chum, yet for the amount of time we spent trying to score a hit, our batting averages were not likely to put us in the All-Star game. In fact, I think the Minors would have rejected us.

We tried all our favorite spots on the East End: Jessup's Neck in the Peconics, Cedar Point and Mashomack Point in the western part of Gardiner's Bay and, of course, Gardiner's Island, from the Ruins to Eastern Plains Point. On our third trip, after three hours of drifting off the Ruins, an Englishman came by in his boat and said, "I jolly well caught one." He held up a 14 inch fluke. At Cedar Point, a disgruntled old-timer tossed a humpback porgy in our boat. "Here, it's the only one I caught." Before we could return the lone specimen, he was gone.

It is always easy to blame the weather for deplorable fishing, and last June was a case in point. Although the beginning of the month was sparkling and bright, the rest of it was marked by leaden skies, high winds and a hurricane. It rained here five days in a row while New York City was experiencing its worst water shortage in 20 years.

Still, June wasn't all bad. On our fourth trip that month, Harry and I headed out to the Ruins, and for a change we arrived there at an advantageous stage of the tide, about two hours before high slack. The fishing was not remarkable, but we managed to catch 10 fluke in a couple of hours. The problem was, we had to release 7 of them. Getting bored with this kind of fishing, and having heard that large porgies were finally settling in on the east side of Gardiner's Island, we started heading south. A party boat in the distance, in about 50 feet of water, confirmed our decision, for we had fished that area many times before. Just as Harry was about to turn the boat on a southeasterly course, he called out, "Birds over there!" He was pointing to the

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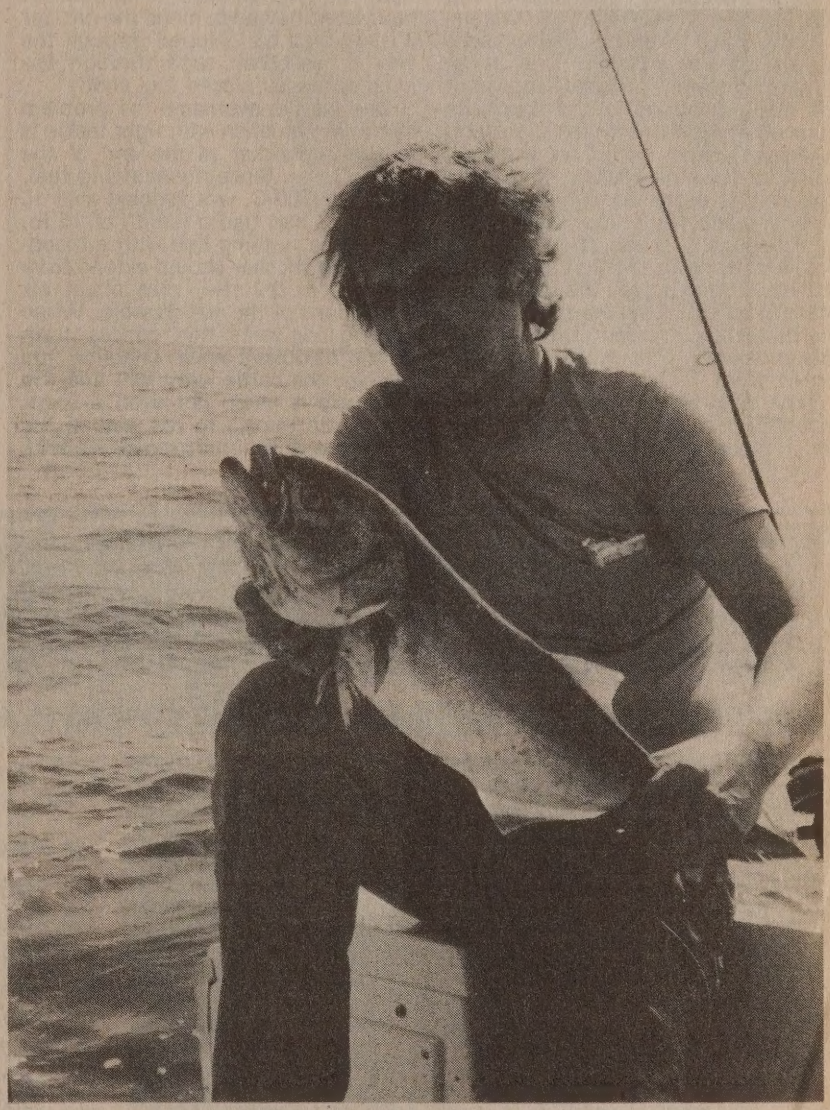

Author admires a husky Gardiner's Island chopper.

northern tip of Gardiner's Island, where a long spit of sand forms the well-known rips that extend to the Ruins. Having chased birds here often enough, I was not enthusiastic. Nevertheless, I agreed that we should turn the boat in their direction. Within a few minutes, we could see a couple of boats working on a school of bluefish. Soon the birds were shrieking and diving all around us.

There were, in fact, so many birds around us that we decided to anchor the boat. We settled in 20 feet of water, near the turbulent rip, the bow facing the island only a quarter of a mile away, the stern aimed at Montauk. We let out a chum pot filled with bunker, not to the bottom, but just beneath the surface.

Now I have taken bluefish in these waters before. Most of the time, they're scattered, perhaps because of the heavy boat traffic and the large number of wire line trollers. In fact, whenever Harry would set the boat adrift for fluke or weaks, I invariably broke out an extra rod with a diamond jig on the end of the line. Casting the lure diagonally ahead of the drifting boat and working the jig close to the bottom, I often spiced the day with a brace of school blues. Harry, enjoying the baitfishing, seldom joined me in this endeavor. "Too much work," he would grunt.

That day, Harry didn't complain, though. For as soon as everything was set, I made a long cast to the up-current side of the boat and watched the lure drift back to the stern. My light rod suddenly doubled over, and I was into a fish. After three trips with nothing to show but a few faint-hearted fluke, the jolt set my adrenalin going. Two fish later, Harry called out, "What are you using?" His green tiger tail, a prime weakfish lure in this area, had produced nothing. "A diamond jig," I answered, as if he didn't know. "Want one?"

Harry tied on an A-17 with a red tube on the end, and on his first cast off the stern, he hooked a blue. A big smile spread across his face, as he played the fish to the boat. Since he was fishing with only 8 lb. test and a light rod, I netted the blue for him. An hour later, he had to mend the net, for a small blue had slipped through the way a basketball slips through the hoop on a well placed foul shot.

One way to overcome the problem of landing bluefish with light tackle is to add a shocker to the end of the running line. Since my spinning reel, a Daiwa 1300-C, was spooled with 10 lb. test, I had tied a length of 15 lb. test to the running line with a bloodknot. The shocker should extend from the lure to the reel, plus about six revolutions of the reel handle. When making long casts, this reduces strain on the bloodknot while enabling you to enjoy the battle with light line. No hardware is used, not even a snap. Simply tie the jig to the end of the shocker with an improved clinch knot and you're ready to fish. The shocker makes it easy, moreover, to hoist most of the bluefish over the side without a net. The only ones I hesitated on were the larger fish in the school, which weighed about 4 lbs. The majority of the fish weighed 2 or 3 pounds.

During this non-stop fishing (we didn't move the boat for the next two hours) several other boats joined the fracas. Unfortunately, most of them were trolling umbrella rigs on heavy wire. Now I must say, although I hate this kind of fishing, it is often the only effective method when blues are scarce. On such days, one pass with an umbrella rig will produce more bluefish than 50 casts with a diamond jig. The problem is, when fishing for small blues—the kind that were all around us—the rig weighs as much as the fish. Moreover, when trolling wire, the boat must continually move ahead; otherwise, the wire creates a terrible bird's-nest, a veritable explosion of wire, on the reel. As you can see, there isn't much fight left in a poor little bluefish being dragged by more than a pound of umbrella rig loaded with 9 lures and heavy wire and a boat with a 150 hp engine. Still, if the rig wasn't so deadly, most charter boat skippers going for bluefish would soon be out of business.

That afternoon at Gardiner's however, the wire line trollers were truly absurd. Here we were catching blues on almost every cast with 6 foot

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wands, from an anchored boat, while they had to make long passes through the productive area just to bring in a 2 lb. fish and with 4/0 reels, no less. I was grateful that the school was large enough not to be totally intimidated by the trollers' grinding engines. I was also grateful that the trollers had the good sense to give us a wide berth. For our gossamer lines had as much chance against their wire as a 2 lb. blue.

An odd thing, however, was that my usual diamond jigging methods didn't work. I first gained experience with this lure on party boats fishing in deep water. Here you cast to the up-current side of the drifting boat, and feel for the bottom. Then you crank the lure quickly, about 5 revolutions of the reel handle. If nothing happens, you do not retrieve the lure; you drop it back and repeat the process. Most of the blues, whether 5 or 15 lbs., hit the lure by the second revolution. Occasionally, when the fish are feeding higher up, you work the lure from the bottom to the surface without pausing. Somewhere along the way, a blue finds it. Fishermen often refer to these methods, respectively called "jigging" and "squidding," as "vertical trolling," since the lure's greatest movement is vertical.

At Gardiner's, I tried these tactics with only moderate success. In fact, when Harry started bringing in blues from the stern, the downcurrent side of the boat, I realized that most of the fish were closer to the surface than to the bottom. At times, they actually broke the surface. Moreover, the water was only 20 to 25 feet deep. And so, I tried two different methods. The first, off the stern, was virtually the same as casting tin to blues from an ocean beach. It involved nothing more than getting the lure way out and letting it sink only for a moment before cranking it back quickly. When the fish thinned out at the stern, I moved to the port side and lobbed the lure only slightly upcurrent. Then, letting the lure drift briefly, I engaged the reel, and a fish would be on, sometimes even before I had a chance to start the retrieve. In other words, neither method involved working the jig off the bottom. Curiously, the starboard side of the boat produced nothing at all, even though the chum pot was on this side, and we saw blues frequently breaking the surface here.

By the end of that two hour romp, we had hooked 29 blues and lost about 10. In fact, I had quit a little early while Harry continued to pick at the blues, which, by then, were thinning out. We could have played another half dozen or so in the next half-hour, but we needed to do something calmer in the heat, like putting our feet on the rail while drinking iced tea and dangling a bottom rig below. We headed back to Cedar Point where we drowned skimmers for the next hour and threw back sea robins and sand sharks and a couple of undersized porgies. After all, it was still June.

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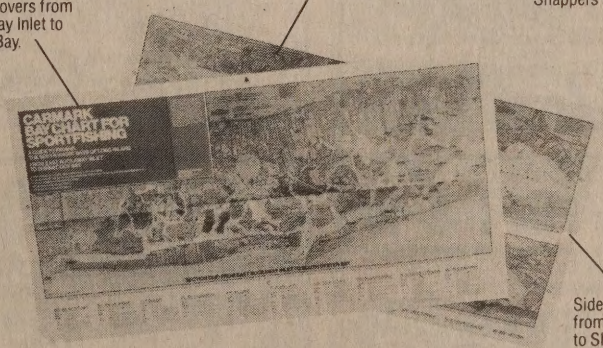

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A picture perfect weekend sent many anglers out in search of shark and tuna, most meeting with success in the shark area; a few bringing back giant bluefin tuna. Bluefish are everywhere! The inshore fishery holds very good blackfishing, the beginning of fluke and porgies and an extraordinary amount of snowshoe flounder still around.

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A giant tuna was weighed at the **Montauk Marine Basin** on Wednesday, caught on the charter boat, **Tuna Tangler** with Capt. Paul Stern, his wife Dawn on the rod. The fish weighed 436 lbs. Approximately six tuna have been brought into Montauk so far this season, all reportedly taken on trolled baits, with bluefish already a problem keeping the baits intact.

Captain Zac Grossman reported finding "tons of blue sharks" on his first weekend offshore. On Friday, a six woman charter from First Boston Capital was delighted with the action, with each woman catching her first shark ever! On Sunday, Mike Yacavone used a 15 lb. spinning outfit to fight a blue shark, estimated at 150 lbs. Ten others were also fought, tagged and released on the **Mako Express.**

Captain Mike Albronda plucked one mako which weighed 135 lbs. from among 10 blue sharks which entered his chum slick. Fishing on the **Montauk's** first offshore trip were Tony Trapani and Bob Merkel who set up for shark in 211 feet of water.

Captain Gene Kelly of the charter boat **Kellyboat** had a 435 lb. mako on Sunday's trip. It was caught by Jack Deshua, Pat Cusick, Dennis Hunter, Glenn Taylor, Scott Peterson and Ed Tannini.

Captain Mike Bentevegna, Jr. found a lot of blue shark action on the **Pronto** Saturday with Guy Dimiles, and on Sunday with Ted Drayer. On both days, after catching and releasing all the sharks they wanted, the groups trolled baits hoping for gian tuna but did not connect.

Anglers on the **Bluefin IV** caught bluefish and fought blue sharks. On Tuesday the Anderson group had 20 sharks; Friday, the Roberts from NYC had 15 sharks to 200 lbs. Saturday's charter with the Parez' of NYC had a mako on for about a half hour. The shark, estimated at over 400 lbs., took ten jumps, the last about 50 feet from the boat, when it kinked and broke the

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leader. Sunday was also bluefish and blue sharks for the Lakes. Although Capt. Potts tried for giant tuna on Saturday, none were caught. Bluefish action was best near Cartwright where the **Bluefin I** loaded up with blues averaging 10 lbs. on a couple of trips last week.

Captain Bill Ricca encountered diversified fishing on the weekend on the **Alyssa Ann.** Friday's trip with Abe Cerami and friends from Manhasset fought 12 blue sharks, top weight estimated at 180 lbs.; while on Saturday on a bottom fishing trip with Stan Martinek, 93 blackfish to 6½ lbs., a dozen sea bass and snow shoe flounder were caught along with a few porgies. A typical Montauk mixed bag.

Captain Dusty called to say that the "bear has come out of his winter den!" On Saturday, Bobby Wilson of Patterson, NJ caught 35 medium and large porgies while on Sunday, Lilly Ashley took 35 large porgies back to the Bronx. The **Little Bear** found porgy action on the east side of Gardiner's Island, with the best bite on the ebb tide. **Little Bear** is on a daily porgy schedule, sailing at 6AM.

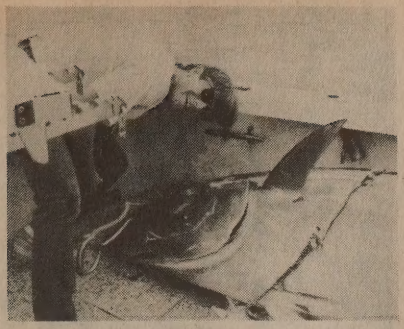
Captain Fred Bird is leaving the dock at 6AM daily, sailing all day for porgies, sea bass, blackfish and flounder—a Montauk mixed bag on th **Flying Cloud.**

Captain Paul Forsberg has reported that Cox's Ledge codfishing has showed some life. On Saturday's trip on the **Viking**, 20 anglers caught 50 cod: all green fish, newly arrived in the area. Average size cod was 12 to 15 lbs., pool about 25 lbs., all taken drifting baits. The boat will now sail daily for Cox's Ledge, leaving at 4:30AM.

The one day Georges Banks trip on the **Starship** returned home early with about 2,000 cod caught in three drifts (12 hours). Pool fish was worth $1500, a 47 lb. cod was caught by Manny Madrias, the largest of 43 fish. Second pool went to Paul Wallace for his 45 lb. cod, biggest of 30 fish. Walter B was among high hook with 58 cod. Ninety percent of the fish were caught jigging—anglers who used jigs with tubes above them caught 2 to 3 cod at a time. Next Georges Banks trip is scheduled for Monday, June 23rd.

Captain Bruce Kieffer had lots of blue shark activity fishing on the charter boat **Ebb Tide** on Sunday with Langford Meredith and his friends. Twenty blue sharks, estimated weigh to 200 lbs. were caught and released. Satuday's bluefish charter with Marianne Montigia trolled bluefish at the CIA grounds, where the group caught all wanted of blues to 10 lbs.

Captain King of the charter boat **King Wayne** fished with baseball player Whitey Ford and Prichard Services on Friday. The group loaded up with sea bass to 5 lbs. and blackfish to 7 lbs. fishing south of Cartwright. On Saturday, the action was bluefish with Vara Enterprises. Sunday's charter with Donald Mor-



Angler with a giant tuna caught last season aboard the Montauk based charter boat, "Adios."

geses fought 30 blue sharks up to 150 lbs. and noted a yellowin tuna in the slick which would not take a bait.

Captain Ron Grandinette fished Montauk's south side on Saturday with "Skelly" on the **Julie III** putting 64 blacks to 8¼ lbs. in the fish box along with some sea bass and flounder. Sunday's trip with the family, fished on the south side. Using green crabs, 125 blackfish from 4 to 10½ lbs. were brought home.

Richard Berk, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin** reported on giant tuna caught Friday and Saturday. A 406 lb. bluefin tuna was caught on the **Fish On** with Capt. Donnie Bradick; the angler was Mike "THE Greek"; location of catch was given as south of Montauk. Ed Berg, Jr. boated a 435 lb. tuna on the "Merlin"; Pete Paulez, a 473 lb. tuna on the "Crazy Lady."

Tom Jordan, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina** reported a variety of catches for Saturday's fishing: a marina based boat "Little Rascal" with Ron Sohoke and "Bad Bob" returned from fishing the North Rips and the Point with 12 fluke to 3½ lbs. Ramp customers Randy, Steve, Jeff and Brett fished the 40 fathom line for 7 blue sharks on their boat "Indecent Exposure." Pete, Sam and Dick travelled to the west side of Cox's Ledge on the "Meri" where they caught 32 codfish, top weight 27 lbs. On Sunday, Sal and Leanne sailed the "Contagious", to Montauk's south side where they fed green crabs to 61 blackfish, top weight 10 lbs.

Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat **Caprice**, fishing with Capt. Tom Donahue, caught a bushel of porgies to 3 lbs. at Great Eastern. Saturday's trip with Eric Myman and friends located 8 blue sharks, to 150 lbs. Sunday was blue sharks again, this time with Ben Micelli and Gene Stangenburg.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports that offshore fishing is shaping up to a great season with plenty of action on blue sharks right now. Water temperatures are good and lots of life is in the ocean. On Saturday, a nice mako shark of 193 lbs. was caught with Rick Kammler of W. Nyack along with a bunch of blue sharks. Sunday's shark action lasted all day for Mark Paternoster and his

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group. A call from Cat Cay revealed that a huge school of giant tuna have arrived there late, indicating a very good late summer migration to Montauk waters ahead.

Joan Jones, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina**, spoke of lots of shark action, with several makos caught this past week. Giant tuna have moved into the area. A marina based boat, "Cobbler" owned by Coz Foglia caught a small mako over the weekend with Gene Stoller. Michael Marcone, fishing with Jerry Pacerretti on the "High Hook" was into unlimited blue sharks on a weekend fishing trip. On the charter boat **Kraken III**, Capt. Steve Mauss tried blackfishing at Fischers Island, returning with 30 blackfish to 8 lbs. in weight.

Henry Uihlein reported good fishing by anglers renting skiffs from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**. Early last week, Heinze Wiegleb and John Bonie of Seaford caught nearly two dozen flounder in the 2 to 3 lb. range on clams and mussels at Culloden Point. Mike Keller and Cheryl Diener caught 20 nice flatties right in lake Montauk. On Saturday, Aydin Ibraham and his brothers Tony and Mustafa, all from White Plains, fished Eastern Plains Point where they caught 25 blackfish, top weight 5½ lbs., along with a few porgies.

SOUTH FORK

A spokesman for **Harbor Marina** heard of action with bluefish, flounder and fluke from the Gardiner's Island area, with very good bluefishing at the Ruins. Best action was on umbrella rigs, which accounted for catches counted by 2 and 3 fish on at a time, while jigging was not as productive. Fluke to 7 lbs. were reported brought in over the weekend.

Chris Salb spoke of very good bluefish action both at the Ruins and Crow Shoals, with good fluking also at the Ruins at Gardiner's. Anglers from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** have reported small blues in Noyac Bay as well. Porgies slowed a bit this past week.

Captain Fred Laier of the Captree charter boat "Eagle," with a fine catch of tuna taken during a canyon trip last season.

Captain Artie Lach informed us that the **Wilhelric II** is now in the boatyard, undergoing a Coast Guard inspection and will be back in the water very soon, fishing for porgies and fluke. Call him for starting date.

Marina customers from **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** fished the Basket area in Shinnecock for flounder on the weekend. Joey, Dee, Chester and Joyce counted 20 in their cooler; while Jerry Marcus with Hilda and Buddy had about a dozen. Bill Hichat returned to the marina with 8 fluke, and half a dozen blues. Ofshore attemps at sharking located vast schools of big bluefish.

Not too much news from **Speck's Bait and Tackle** possibly due to the expected traffic caused by the Golf Tournament. However, shark hunters phil Gay and shawn did located two mako sharks, 110 and 125 lbs., with lots of blue sharks fishing 40 fathoms. A couple of anglers fishing northeast of the tower at Gardiner's Island returned with blackfish to 7 lbs., some flounder and porgies.

Capt. Fred of the charter boat **Seamist** found lots of blue sharks on the weekend, fishing in 200 feet of water, south of Shinnecock Inlet. On Saturday, 10 blue sharks and two brown sharks were fought by Charlie LoBruto of Astoria and his group. Sunday's trip with Jerry Dowling of Huntington tusselled with 11 blue sharks. Capt. Fred related that bluefish were solid as far as 170 feet of water. Lots of life was seen: sunfish, whales, etc.

Captain Don Van DeWater of the charter boat **Dutch Treat** found blue shark city with Tony Anson. A couple of dozen bluefish were boated, 8 blue sharks fought. Captain Don is ready for a great offshore season.

Captain Bob Poggi of the charter boat **Linesides**, formerly based in Freeport, now in Shinnecock, reported on his first offshore charter of the season on Saturday, with Ted Owen of IBM and his party. While fighting blue sharks, the group's attention was

captured by the sight of a very large white shark looking over the boat. Whales and yellowfin tuna all came quite close. Sharking was put aside when a school of giant tuna was noted. Fishing only with 80 lb. tackle and 9.0 reels, green machines were trolled hoping to catch their attention. One giant—estimated at 6-800 lbs.—took a trolled lure and was on for about a half hour before breaking off. Scene of the action: near the Coimbra wreck.

Watch Lorry Mangan on WLIG-TV, Channel 55 at 7:30PM every Friday night, for fishing video and tips. Look for information on a chance to win a 9.8 hp Mercury engine, courtesy of the Moorings at Pier 66, Patchogue.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Offshore fans finally had their long awaited day in the sun this weekend as shark fishing broke loose from both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets. Saturday saw many makos taken along with large numbers of blue sharks. Sunday's fishing was dominated by blue sharks with very few makos reported. In the bays, flounder fishing remains strong in Moriches Bay with pockets of fish at the Sore Thumb and west to the Wantagh Bridge in Great South Bay. Fluke fishing came alive in Moriches but continues to be dominated by shorts in Great South Bay. Best fluking out of Fire Island is found in the 30 foot depths outside the inlet. Solid bluefishing underway for jiggers, trollers and chummers from 60' of water on out with smaller fish at the inlets and just outside.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

The Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament was blessed with perfect weather and sea conditions along with lots of sharks. Many blue sharks were taken by the 98 competing boats. More than two dozen makos also found their way into the competition as did several threshers. The winning shark was an impressive 350 pound mako caught aboard Al Rodriguez's 'Pisces'. It was taken in 175' of water south of Moriches Inlet and was worth $4593.75. Second place went to a thresher of 325 pounds caught aboard 'Born To Be Wild'. A thresher also accounted for 3rd place. The 316 pounder was taken aboard the 'Jo-Lyn'. Competing boats reported all kinds of life on the offshore grounds including whales, sunfish and even a few encounters with great whites.

The **Moriches** charter boat **Rum N Coke** fished a party from Majestic Messenger Service in Saturday's tournament. The group accounted for 12 blue sharks up to 125 pounds as well as a half dozen bluefish to 12 pounds.

Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that flounder fishing remained very good this week with boats working the deep water between buoys 29 and 39. Fluke attracted plenty of attention on Sunday after Phil Sztorc's catch of 33 keepers on Saturday. Most boats on Sunday finished with 10 to 20 keepers with a keeper ratio of about 50%. Best fluking on Sunday was found from Buoy 38 down into Hart's Cove. Best fishing for both fluke and flounder has been 3 hours before and 3 hours after high tide.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** spoke of excellent flounder fishing all week. The open boat Alma III has been working between buoys 29 and 32 during incoming and the first of the Ebb. Sunday AM, Elaine of the Lady Reelers earned the pool with a 2.13 pound flattie. The first mate Bob Santiago estimated that 44 fares accounted for well over 700 flounder. Sunday's afternoon trip saw Pop Rasmussen take the pool with a 2 pounder. Fishing was done near the inlet on outgoing water. The charter boat Alma fished a party headed by Jim Ferro on Saturday. They enjoyed a very good day with the flatties with George Hedley taking the pool with a 2.6 pounder. Although Capt. Ron is advertising fluke trips, there is a good chance he will be splitting up the fishing between fluke and flounder this coming week. You can give him a call at 516-878-4055 if you want to be sure what's on the agenda.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Still some weakfish around according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Jim Crispino and Tom Chebuske returned with a pair of 10 pound tiderunners taken in West Channel Tuesday night before the winds came up. Most of Paul's customers have been looking east for the quota of fluke and flounder. On Tuesday, Ed and Frida Olsen worked the buoy 29 area in Moriches Bay and returned with 25 keepers taken on spearing. On Saturday, Joe and Ernie Wruck counted 24 fluke for their efforts in Moriches. They used spearing also. The flounder fishing remains solid in Moriches Bay. On Wednesday, Don and Rose Marie fished

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aboard the Alma and returned with 65 flatties between them. On Sunday, 9 year old Joseph, 6 year old Christina and 5 year old Jaclin Fontana worked buoy 29 in Moriches Bay for a couple of hours with their Dad. The trio of youngsters put away 15 nice flatties. Some big blues were jigged and trolled just east of the Moriches Inlet Sea Buoy this week. On the docks, a pick of small fluke on spearing or killies and some decent crabbing now for those using traps.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** joined Andy and Howie aboard their 'And How' on Sunday morning. The trio were looking to jig some bluefish in 30' of water south of Tobay when a fluke pounced on one of their jigs. Switching over to sandeel and squid combos, the three men wound up putting 20 keeper fluke to 4 pounds in the box. They also released a mess of shorts. Al noted that the best fluking has been outside the inlet to the east or west. Most of the fluke inside the inlet have been shorts. Also, a repeat of last year's algae bloom is beginning to spread around the bay and is creating poor fishing conditions. Al noted that the best action has been on the last of the incoming when the water is the cleanest in the bay. There have been some small sea bass and porgies at buoys 12 and 13 at Ocean Beach on the last of the flood and very good sea bass action on the Fire Island Reef for those using squid baits.

Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** said that fluke fishing in the bay continues to be dominated by shorts with an occasional 3 pounder taken. Some improvement in the size of these fish noted at the drains in the State Boat Channel. Sandeel and squid combos working best. Fair to good catches of flounder and blowfish in the Sore Thumb Pocket and cocktail blues up to 2 pounds continue to roam the bay. Larger blues to 4 pounds being trolled on umbrella rigs at the mouth of the inlet on out to the Bell Buoy. Some weaks were around this week as evidenced by the events surrounding Henry Chu's 13.8 pound tiderunner. As Henry worked the big tiderunner to the boat, his sons Ken and Ed each waited with a net for the big fish to tire. As they waited, other weaks followed the big yellowfin to the surface. The two brothers did not let the opportunity pass as they deftly netted 3 weaks from 8.5 to 10 pounds before putting the coup de grace to their dad's fish.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** relayed word of

good sharking south and southeast of Fire Island Inlet on the weekend. On Saturday Sal DiMarco ran his 'Precious Moments' to 200 feet of water south of F.I. Inlet. Along with Sal were Rocco Poveromo and Jay Durn. Sal put away a mako which Carl estimated at 275 pounds. The crew also released 5 blue sharks. As the mako was being tail roped a great white estimated at 17-20 feet long circled the boat. The trio, with only 50 pound outfits aboard, never gave a thought to attempting to bait the big fish. Carl added that one of his customers on Saturday ran 52 miles SE of the inlet and hooked up with a pair of makos. The lone angler aboard managed to hang onto one of the fish, 190 pounder. Carl knew of numerous makos landed on Saturday as well as plenty of blue sharks. Also reports of good yellowfin tuna action at the Canyon this week. Inshore, best bet for fluke has been just outside the inlet or from the Bridge to the inlet on the flood tide. Lots of shorts making up the action inside the bay. The Fire Island Ocean Reef is well supplied with sea bass. The Bali returned with a fine catch of bass up to 3.9 pounds. They also had a 3 pound fluke. A relatively quiet week on blues at the inlet although one customer did report taking a number of fish on Friday. Blowfish are mixed with flounder at the Sore Thumb and they are also being taken on the mussel beds near the Lighthouse. Several customers reported seeing a big weakfish estimated at between 12 and 14 pounds taken on a killie from the Bay Shore Marina dock on Sunday. Also a good showing of crabs at the docks for trap fishing.

Over at **Captree**, Capt. George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported excellent bluefishing on both Friday and Saturday nights with Friday seeing 19 fares accounting for an estimated 500 choppers. Saturday night, despite strong currents and big crowd, an excellent catch was also made. Fish ranged from 5 to 7 pounds and were taken on bait. The skipper labelled the fluking OK on the weekend with keepers falling into the 2½-4 pound range. Working the mouth of the inlet and just outside saw the keeper ratio improve to 50%. Sandeels, spearing, killies and strip baits all working on the fish.

Capt. Nick Manzari of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VII** began his bluefish trips Friday night and Saturday. Excellent fishing for 5-7 pound blues was found 6-10 miles SE of the inlet. Daytime action is all on jigs while bait is the ticket at night.

Capt. Fred Laier of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** fished a party of Wall St. gents from Noonan, Astley and Pearce on Sunday. They were headed by Glen Diebel. The group accounted for 12 blue sharks up to 175 pounds as well as 40 big bluefish from 8 to 14 pounds. Fishing was done in the vicinity of the Virginia Wreck.

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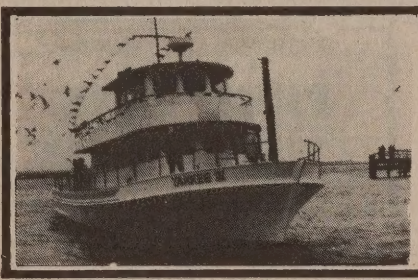

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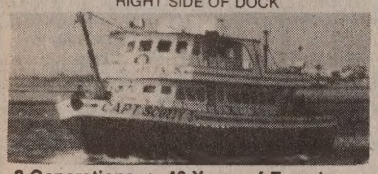

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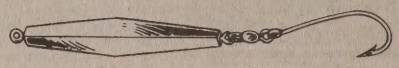

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Sprenger reported a couple of nice fluke taken from Fisherman's Walk out in front of the shop on Sunday. Joe DiPaolo clicked with a 5.4 pound summer flattie while Lenny Bummolo landed a 3.4 pounder.

Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that shark fishing opened up on the weekend with Saturday the better of the two days, particularly for makos. A number of boats scored with makos on Saturday with the biggest a 395 pounder taken aboard the 'Canyon Express'. Artie Orlandi of **Augie's** came out on the short end of an encounter with a 220 pound thresher shark aboard his 'Fast Eddie'. It seems the long tailed shark managed to land a hard right to the eye that put Artie out for the count and left him with a handsome shiner. Tom joined the crew aboard the Yvonne III on Saturday. They put away 2 blue sharks and a pair of browns in 180' of water SSE of the inlet. Tom reported that they saw large schools of bluefish in 60, 90 and 120' of water. Most were in the 6-8 pound range. Capt. Jim McCoy of the B.C.A. charter boat Capt. Hook tagged and released 10 blue sharks as well as several brown sharks for a party headed by Mike Ackerson. The skipper told Tom that he still has some tournament dates available for charter. A good pick of fluke in the State Channel but lots of it attributed to shorts. Still good flounder action in the Sore Thumb Pocket and some kingfish and sea bass on Kismet Reef. Bluefish have been from the Inlet to the pound nets in the morning for trollers and jiggers. Blowfish again put in an appearance on the Village Dock this weekend. Squid fished on a hi-low rig was the ticket. Some decent crabbing now underway at the dock for those with traps.

Over at **Babylon Fishing Station**, George Stevenson weighed a 279 pound mako taken by Dennis Buckley aboard the 'Predator'. Another crew member, John Schultz dropped an estimated 150-180 pound mako. Rounding out the group were the boat's owner Bob McReynold, Pete Schmidt and Tommy Stevenson. Fishing was done 40 miles SE of the inlet on Sunday. Last Monday saw Tommy Stevenson put away a 180 pound mako while his fiancee Barbara Ireland bested a 150 pounder. Fishing again took place on the Predator. On Saturday, Capt. Steve Boss ran Tommy Ciamillo's 'Water Witch' 67 miles south of Shinnecock Inlet. The trip resulted in a 135 pound mako for Dominick Piazza while George Stevenson, Sr. dropped an estimated 200 pounder. Terry Stevenson and Rich Nyhus rounded out that crew. George noted that fluking in the bay is dominated by shorts. He said that flounder continue to hang in at the Sore Thumb and the week was void of weakfish reports.

Speaking from **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Bob Meyers reported a catch of 50 flounder up to 1½ pounds made in the vicinity of the Wantagh Bridge on Sunday. He reported good flounder action most of the week between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges on blood or sandworms. Fluke fishing has been sporadic with lots of shorts. Better size fish are being found outside the inlet in 25-30' of water. Dan Palmieri managed a catch of 10 keepers on Sunday while working the East-West channel off of Copiague. He used squid and spearing combos. Small blues continue to roam the bay with bigger fish up to 8 pounds in 60-80' of water south of the inlet. Still some weaks being picked between West Channel and South Beach. On Saturday, Joe Shields decked an 11½ pound tiderunner which grabbed a squid and sandeel combo meant for a fluke. On the offshore scene, Tony C. and crew aboard the Mr. C returned on Saturday from the Virginia with a 175 pound mako. They also accounted for 7 blue sharks. Bob added that crabbers have been doing very well from the Wellwood Avenue docks using traps baited with killies or bunker.

Over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** Chester Shew reported a 220 pound mako for Bill Biscardi on Saturday. The Lady Marion returned on Saturday with 2 makos to 130 pounds. Both boats fished in the vicinity of the Virginia Wreck. Small blues are at the inlet with bigger fish out in 60-90 feet of water. Of the fluking, most have been shorts. Flounder fishing surprisingly good at the 3rd Wantagh, Fort Neck Point and the Sore Thumb Pocket. Ebb tide best at the latter spot. An occasional weak coming from the Copiague Hole or Ocean Beach. Tanner Park Dock has crabs and eels.

At **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported very good sharking on the weekend with plenty of blues and a number of makos taken. Nick Tambakas whipped a 170

pound mako aboard the Lucky Lady. They also had 8 or 9 blue sharks as well as some bluefish. Fishing was done 40 miles southeast of the inlet in 180 feet of water. The Foot Fixer accounted for 10 blue sharks and dropped a mako fishing 45 miles southeast of the inlet. Fluke fishing has been tough but flounder fishing has been surprisingly good at the 3rd Wantagh Bridge. Still some flounder at the Sore Thumb Pocket also. The local docks are now ripe for crabbers.

Speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported plenty of makos weighed in at Frank and Dick's on Saturday. Frank relayed word of the Surfside III Shark Contest on the weekend. First place was taken by the Reel Hooker with a 160 pound mako. Second place went to 153 pound mako taken on 'Three's Company'. A 148 pound blue shark nailed down the 3rd spot. It too was taken on the 'Reel Hooker'. Frank's son Richie teamed with Brian Pinta and Fred Laager on Saturday aboard the family boat 'Cookie Monster'. The trio put away 4 blue sharks between 125 and 170 pounds as well as a few big bluefish. The Centurion returned from a Canyon trip on Sunday with 12 yellowfin tuna to 60 pounds taken on Green Machines.

Fisherman Staffer Terry Maltese called in to report a 425 pound mako taken by Ed Hanley on Sunday. It was taken aboard the private boat 'Tranquility' in 150 feet of water SE of Jones Inlet. The big mako was weighed at Hudson Point Marina in Freeport.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

An influx of good sized mako and blue sharks livened up this week's action in our area, joining super catches of bluefish which have been going up to 15 lbs., plenty of fluke activity and some very decent flounder fishing. Catches have been very consistent, with the assistance of a settled weather pattern. There have also been some very good blue claw crab reports. Most of the party boats have now switched to full schedules of day and night bluefishing.

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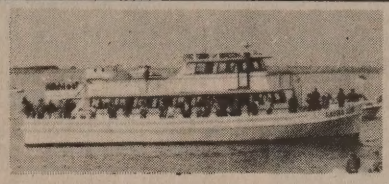

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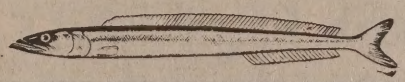

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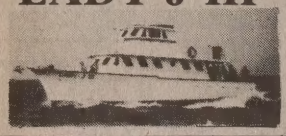

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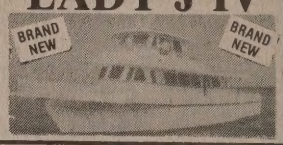

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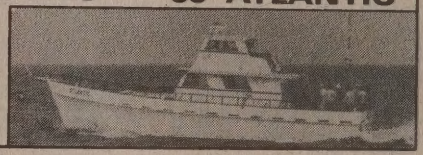

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in Seaford is now fishing daily. Sig says he has one summer weekend date open and several weekdays. Saturday's trip for Greg Hanson of Hopewell Junction, NY saw a big catch of blue shark and bluefish while Sunday's catch for Allen Goldstein, wife Karen and their three daughters ages 5 to 11 accounted for 67 blues on light tackle, wedded to Cannon downriggers. Fish ran 4 to 8 lbs. Sig said generally bluefishing has been excellent with fish close in. Also lots of shark in 120 feet of water.

We learn from Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle in** Wantagh that flounder activity this week has been hot and cold with best areas being the 3rd Wantagh, Big M on outgoing water, fish to 2 lbs., with bloods best, with chumming insurance. The cover of the CG station at Short Beach and the deeps right off same have also been hot, again on the ebb. Fluking has also been hot and cold, said Mike with larger fish starting to show, but no quantities of keepers. Loads of short fish all over with the Jones Inlet and Big M areas strong. Ed Beasner of Wantagh took a 5 lb. 12 oz. fluke fishing Jones with live killies Friday. Traps have been taking bccs in Massapequa cove while 5 to 12 lb. blues have been jigged in 70 feet of water due south of the beaches.

Merrick Tackle in Bellmore tells of blues in 50 to 60 feet of water off Jones inlet with mixed fish falling to umbrellas and diamonds. Small blues off the west end jetty on tins. Lotof throw back fluke in Fundy and Swift Creek with a 10 percent keeper ratio.

From **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick comes more word of nice catches of bluefish being taken at Cholera on bait and jigs. Gary also knew of excellent off the Short Beach CG station with fish of good sizes, as brother Randy bagged nearly 100 on Wednesday, however, Gary said it's been hit and miss even in the hotspots. Fluke with a high throwback ratio are also being taken in Merrick Bay.

Sailing out of Freeport, the **Starstream II** had super bluefishing on the weekend with fish 3 to 6 lbs. SE of Jones in 60 to 70 ft. of water. Skipper Richie Kessinger said that every stop had fares bailing fish on diamonds. Friday's night trip working south of Jones also had good bluefish catches and the skipper said as long as the weather is good, catches are equally good.A notable catch Sunday was 20 blues to 8 lbs. for John Kearney, wiht John also taking the pool.

It was all fluking this week aboard the charter boats **Lady J III** and **IV** with some larger fluke taken in the early part of the week. The percentrage of keepers has become a little higher said the skipper, though there are still a large number of midgets. All action has been inside on squid and spearing. The boats rans trip this week for lumber headquarters, DLE Supts. Club of NY, Forest Park Inn Fishing Club, TWA and the Ken Klemis party.

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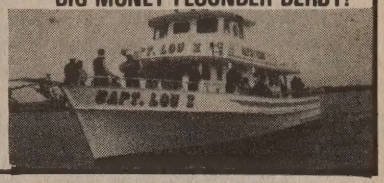

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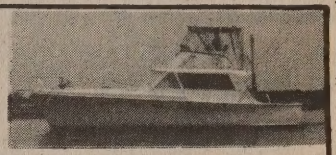

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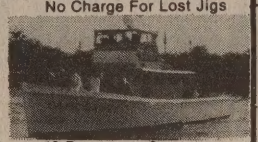

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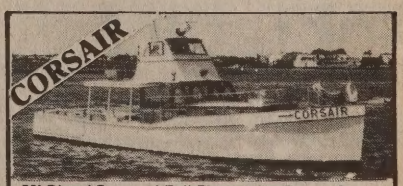

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fin fleet is that the inshore fishing Saturday was very good with flounder holding their own and going to 2¼ lbs. All floundering has been in local waters with clam taking the larger fish. Megan Nowell of Lynbrook took the pool flounder of the week while Jenny Bates of Glendale was runner up. High hook of the week was Emily Jones, Lynbrook. All of the aforementioned are 4th and 5th graders. Fluking continues hot with a 15 to 25 percent keeper ratio. Heaviest fluke of the week was a 3 lb. 8 oz. specimen for Vince Paladino. Both Andy Perez and Ed Goodwin had 2½ lbers. High hook on fluke for the week were John and Ed of Hanover Bank. The fleet's bluefish trips start this Thursday.

Aboard the half day boat **Capt. Lou V** this week, Jack Sargent of Franklin Square on Wed. bagged 7 keeper fluke including a 4 lb. pool winner. On Thursday, Joe Riverzo hoisted 12 keeper fluke. Friday saw Al Menton of Jamaica with 7 keepers to 4 lb. 2 oz. Action slowed with the weekend's heavy boat traffic. Flounder catches on the full day **CL III** saw high hooks in the 40s through Friday and in the high 20s on the weekend.

A call from Capt. Mike Miller of the **Apus III and IV** called to say that on Monday the first mako brought into Merrick this year hung from his gin pole, a 175 lber. taken south of Jones Inlet. Mike says it looks like a very good shark year coming up with lots of blue and mako shark in evidence. Bluefishing has been super all week, a virtual slaughter on diamond jigs and trolled umbrellas, fish running 4 to 12 lbs. A few weakfish being taken dead on the bottom, while diamond jigging the blues. At the canyon some yellowfin and small bigeyes are being caught. The **Apus IV** had some excellent floundering this week with a lot of fish 3/4 to 2½ lbs. in deep hard running water.

We learn from dock master Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** that although lots of the fluke have been throwbacks the Association's charter boats and the **Super Spray II** had decent catches of keepers all this week through Sunday. The keepers have been getting bigger also. The **Mirage** had very good results of Riis Park this week with roughly a 50 percent keeper ratio on fluke. **Fantasy** and **Atlantic** also had very decent catches of keepers. The bluefishing has been excellent offshore with makos being caught around the Virginia Wreck. A 220 lb. mako was caught aboard Capt. Al Balla's charter boat **Nicki B.**

Over in Point Lookout we learn that it was an excellent Saturday night of bluefishing aboard the **Capt. Al** with 20 fares bringing 275 blues. On Friday night, working Cholera 16 fares had 85 choppers. Saturday nights action was 17 fathoms, wiht the fish all gaffers. Day trips this past week have seen very good sea bass and ling catches said skipper Al Lindroth with Sunday hot on the bass in particular. But due to public demand he said, as of Friday this week he is switching over to all bluefishin, day and night, sailing 6:30 AM and 7PM everyday.

A call from Capt. Ron Murray of the **Miss Point Lookout II** also tells us that due to popular request he is remaining with flounder for yet another week. He's had some very solid flounder action during the past week with Monday being probably the best day of the year so far, with high hooks into the 40s on the AM trip. On Wednesday's PM trip, regular Jim took a 2½ lb. pool winner. Saturday AM Phil Bell of Rockville Centre took the pool. Sunday's AM trip had Teresa Ruzzo with a 3⅓ lb. flattie. It was 2.14 pool winning flounder for Kierin Gallagher. Clam and worm were the ticket, with lots of action.

Eileen over at **Ed's Fishing Station** described the flounder fishing as super inside the cove at Short Beach CG Station and in Swift Creek. Working Reynolds, Jersey Ed accounted for 63 flounder. Lots of fluke action but lots of midgets. Fluke seem

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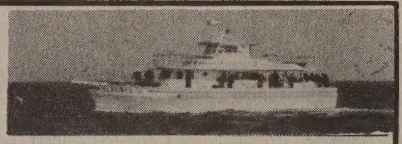

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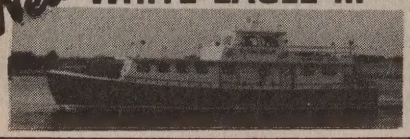

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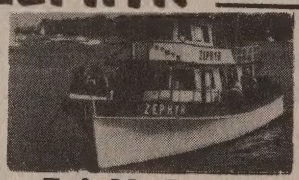

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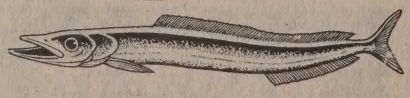

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to have been mostly in the flats and shoal areas this past week. Bob Andersen of Franklin Square was happy with a 4 lb. 8 oz. fluke that was fooled by his killie squid combo in Jones Inlet. Good fluking action around buoys 19 and 20 on the north side along the flats. Rich Reiken managed a 4½ lb. fluke while Bob Ohle had a 3 lb. 4 oz. fluke fishing Reynolds opposite the west marina. Sand eels appear to have been the best best. Big blues in 60 feet of water due south and at Cholera.

Out of Island Park Captain Clem's **Commodore** fluked in the bay through Saturday and found pretty fair fishing all week, particularly in the back, but on Sunday found a big showing of fluke outside from Playland to the Tin Can with lots of small fish, but with a few keepers mixed in. Clem said it was unusual to find so many short fish on the outside.

At **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook Charlie tells us that anglers working the Jones Beach piers this week and fortunate enough to catch the right piece of the tide had very good catches averaging 12 to 15 per man and with fish of decent size. Charlie also told us about the lots of fluke/lots of midget situation.

At **Long Beach Boat Rentals** we hear of Gary Senser on his boat Topaz bagging a 335 lb. mako shark on Saturday fishing 5 miles south of the HA. Gary and crew dropped 3 other makos. Rob, Andy, Dan and Nick Sevine, chummed and baited 35 bluefish 5 to 17 lbs. at 17 fathoms. Reynold channel fluking has been excellent with best catches in the deeps between buoys 5 and 7 on spearing. Small blues in Reynolds with larger blues taken on live lined bunker at the ABB.

Over in Franklin Square, Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** told of Mike Aubel and his 3 lb. 3 oz. pool fluke caught Sunday on the Capt. Lou V. Bluefishing at Cholera has been good this week days on bait and chum, fish 8 to 12 lbs. Buoy 4 has been good also. Fred, along with Tom Cantino, on Thursday caught and released 25 stripers on outgoing in the ABB area on clam bellies, fish from schoolies to 10 lbers. Lots of mako activity reported from the HA to the Virginia wreck.

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Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle**, Howard Beach, tells us that off the North and South Channel bridges a lot of fluke action is going on but with lots of throwbacks with killie-squid combos working best. Bunker chunks are taking good catches of small bluefish while the flounder and blackfishing has been extremely picky. Ten year old Teresa Paladino hoisted a 2 lb. 2 oz. fluke on a live killie while Carol Crowley had a 3 lb. fluke on a spearing-squid combo on the weekend off the north channel bridge.

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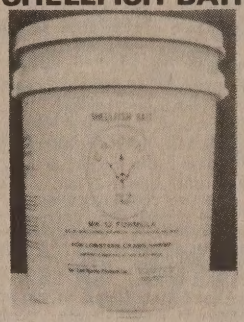

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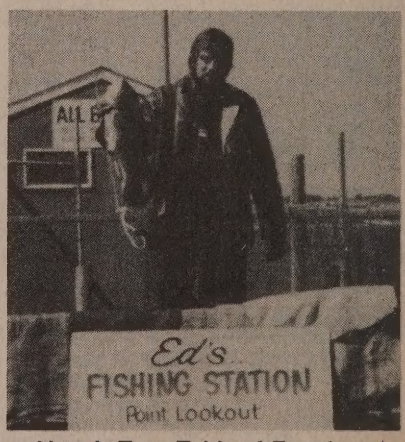
Jack at **Fishing Unlimited** based at Crossbay Marina in Howard Beach called to say that on Saturday, Jim Blake managed a 287 lb. mako in the Virginia wreck area. He weighed in several 15 lb. bluefish taken in the Marine Pkwy vicinity on chunks. Some weaks around. Lots of short fluke, but also some 3 to 4 lbers. have been taken this week, in the Mill Basin Area on spearing squid combos.

To the west in Sheepshead bay comes from Capt. Mike Brumm of the charter boat **Daybreaker III** that he's been having good to excellent bluefish catches on fresh bunker and sometimes on diamond jigs in the mornings when the fish are on top. Mike said best action has been 17 fathoms and farms with fish running 4 to 16 lbs. On one trip this week, four anglers had nearly 500 lbs. of blues. Norton's Point has been hot also.

Aboard Skipper Al Coley's **Betty W IV**, there was super bluefish action all week, with the night trips seeing all jumbo fish flying. It was jigs days, bait at night with the jigged fish 2 to 5 lbs. and the baited fish under the stars 2 to 15 lbs. Best action has been at Seabright, 17 fathoms and farms.

Neil at **stella Maris Tackle** tells of plenty of fluke on sand eels, squid and spearing, with know more keepers than throwbacks on the Coney Island flats, Tin Can grounds and Jamaica Bay. Tons of blues off Coney Island, jetty, Manhattan Beach, Sandy Hook and Atlantic Highlands. Also plentyo f bccs in the bays. Neil weighed 18.8 cobia, a Florida fish for Dom Madelina, on 12 lb. test taken off the Breezy Point jetty on a fluke rig Saturday.

Aboard the open boat **Pastime II** , skipper says he has noted a tremendous improvement in the fluking this past week with a 1/3 keeper ratio and sizes now averaging 1½ to 2 lbs. Pools have been in the 4 to 6 lbs. class. On Wednesday, they lost the



Here is Tony Tolda of Farmingdale with an 8½ lb. blackfish taken on green crab near the Meadowbrook Bridge. The husky "tog" was weighed at Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

biggest fluke seen so far this year at the net when the angler's line broke. Capt. George estimated this fish at 8 to 10 lbs.and it had taken a squid spearing combo. Hotspots have been the Coney Island Flats and Tin Can.

Attention: Joe (carpenter from Brooklyn)—please call Jeff re: Mannino Boat at 357-4379.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

The fish gods rewarded those who put in their time this windy, rainy spring, finally giving us a beautiful fishing weekend. Fish responded to the nice weather and eagerly took baits, jigs and tubes. Blues are solid in the Western Sound. Fluke are around in good sizes and numbers. Porgies are on a feed and blacks, weaks and bass are filling in the gaps.

WESTERN SOUND

John, at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** in **City Island** spoke of unbelieveable fluking at Prospect Point, Matinnecock Point and Sands Point with everyone doing very well. Best baits appear to be squid with either sandeels or spearing. Largest fluke caught by Mike Percopo were all in the two to four pound range, with some larger. Blackfish and flounder are holding steady, with some rental skiffs filling buckets with blacks. Blues are all over. One angler caught a chopper of seventeen pounds on the weekend on bunker chunks. Apparently stripers read the newspaper, many have come into the area, insisting on taking baits meant for other species. John said that the **North Star** and **Apache** are still doing very well on blackfish and flounder and adding lots of porgies to the catch this week. Most of the scup averaging about a pound.

Petitions concerning lightening the restrictions on the recently enacted striper law can be obtained at the **Glen Cove Sports Shop**. Send John a stamped, self addressed envelope with your club or individual request. If no change in the law is made, it will be "written in stone" on July 8th!

There was good fluking over the weekend, particularly off Matinnecock Point, according to John. "Meat" Johnson's largest fluke on Sunday weighed three pounds ten ounces on the scale at **Glen Cove Sports Shop**. Trolled umbrella rigs, jigs and bait chunking are all tempting bluefish in Huntington Harbor and Pryble Beach. While

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using bait, Meat picked up a twenty-two pound striper Saturday night. Ron Oldenberg caught a twenty-five pounder. Weakfish are around, averaging four to ten pounds in weight, with some to fourteen pounds. The trick is to get past the bluefish. Sandworms drifting at night or jelly worms on a single hook is worth a try.

Captain Pete Pearson talked about very good bluefishing on the **Klondike VIII** this weekend just off Playland. Catches ranged up to twenty-five per person with fish ranging from two to seventeen pounds jigged on A47 jigs.

John, on his afternoon off from **John's Gun and Tackle** in **New Rochelle**, got involved with the tremendous bluefishing now in the western sound. Fishing with his son John Junior and Don Howe aboard the "Jacqueline" Sunday, the group used light tackle, releasing over fourty fish, keeping ten. The fish are of mixed sizes, three to ten pounds and are stacked up from Rye to Mid-Sound. A blue of at least fourteen pounds was seen hauled aboard the **Klondike**. A fluke was jigged near John, which weighed at least five pounds. Weakfish were caught in the Oyster Bay area Sunday morning. One angler reported four weaks of about eight pounds each that took jelly worms. Try fluking around Sands Point. Blackfish are steady.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Warren Gehr at **Warren's Archery and Fishing** in **Selden** heard of good fluking at Flax Pond. Jack, a regular at the shop, caught a half dozen on the weekend, all in the three to four pound range. Blues were spotted in the sound off Rocky Point.

Al, at the **Sportsmen's Center** in **Medford** felt that weakfishing was a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Eleven year old Chris Hallender was in the right place, Shoreham, when an eleven and a half pound weakfish grabbed his Hopkins lure. Don Hudson has been picking at blues and bass in Shinnecock Bay. Fluke catches are picking up in local traditional spots.

Captain John Alberda of the charter boat "T.J." of **Sound Charters**, found loads of bluefish stacked up from Huntington, west to Rye. "Bayville John" trolled blues to sixteen pounds on plugs in Huntington Harbor. Fluke to seven pounds were caught at Lloyds Harbor. Since the **Ever Ready** is not fishing at this time, Captain Alberda will make two trips daily as an open boat. However, reservations are necessary. Call him for additional details.

Mel Fleishman saw fluke to four pounds come into **Greenlawn Sports Shop** which were caught off Asharoken, Eaton's Neck and Duck Harbor. Grape or red jelly worms

were favored by weakfish at dusk and early in the morning. Blackfish remain steady at Eaton's Neck and Makamah Beach, taking both sandworms and green crabs.

Tom Bowman heard of good porgy action in mid channel in Northport Bay. Good fluke catches were made drifting squid and sand eels towards shore between the Coast Guard Station and Sand City. Bluefish are all over, at Lloyd's Neck and Eaton's Neck taking surface poppers, tubes trolled on umbrella rigs, and tins such as Kastmasters. Although they average five pounds, several over ten pounds have been weighed at **Bowman's Sporting Goods**. A few weakfish of over ten pounds have been plucked from among the bluefish.

Hugh Chancy and Bob Parent drifted bunker chunks in Lloyd's Harbor for twenty-eight bluefish, top weight fifteen pounds twelve ounces. Plenty of mackerel are mixed with bunker both in Northport Harbor and Lloyds Harbor. A lot of fluke have come into the area. Huntington angler, Lou Tinto's largest over the weekend weighed five pounds six ounces at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** while junior member, Mark DeJong's largest was three pounds two ounces. Best fluke action took place inside Eaton's Neck, from Sand City to the sound at the Coast Guard Station. An occasional weakfish has been trolled off Caumsett. Drifted worms are catching stripers instead of weaks. A bass of fourty-one pounds was released by Billy over the weekend. Blackfishing remains excellent, with as many as thirty-two to fourty kept per boat.

Gaspare DiLorenzo of Wading River showed off his ten pound weakfish to John Caraftis at **Caraftis Fishing Station**. The fish was caught on Friday off Crane's Neck. Fluke appeared everywhere on the weekend. Chris Catalano of Coram caught his first fluke ever, at Flax Pond at the change of tide. The doormat weighed eight pounds. Bob Lynch caught his five and a half pound fluke at Crane's Neck. Saturday, with perfect drifting conditions, catches of up to thirty per boat were made drifting under the Pink House. Blues haven't quite settled in. Saturday found them two miles north of Bouy 11, while on Sunday, they were just at the bouy. Plenty of blackfish remain at Old Field Point and Crane's Neck. John feels that conditions have come together, water, temperature, bait, etc.

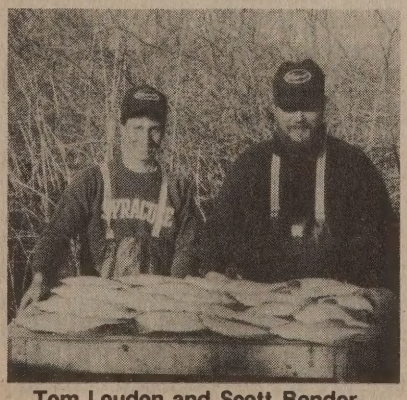
Smitty on his boat "Cutie Pie" fished off the cabanas at Belle Terre Beach for fluke up to five and three quarter pounds. They were weighed at **Ralph's Fishing Station**. A few good blackfish are still around. Christy put a ten pounder aboard the "St. Nick" over the weekend. The Davenports want to thank all those who donated the use of their boats, their time and effort to take out the over one hundred students from the Maryhaven Center of Hope in Port Jefferson on their sixteenth annual fishing trip. Pool fish was caught on the "Sea Duck" with Doctor George Dubato, fishing off Belle Terre.

Bill, at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** heard of continued action with large blackfish on the local hot spots at the Shoreham area, particularly by blackfish maven Charley Wirth. Weakfish reports are spotty, with some taken at night, close to the beach, along with a few bass. Best action on fluke seems to be on Mount Misery Shoal, near bouy nine with some rumored at bouy seven.

Captain Frank, of the **My Yacht II** declared that although there are lots of fluke around this past week, there were about two shorts for each keeper. Bluefish are in pretty good, mostly cocktail size. Captain Frank is now running as an open boat three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Reservations are suggested.

The **Port Jeff Ace** is bottom fishing on her day trip, bluefishing daily at 4:30 pm. A nice amount of fluke have moved into the area, providing some surprises. Saturday's pool was won by Julius Swepson with a six and one quarter pound fluke that jumped on his porgy hook. Although blackfishing has slowed a bit, Sunday's pool was a six pound blackfish. Several weakfish have been caught, and as many as a dozen fluke a day. The **Prowler** has been fishing blues daily with success.

Kim and Terry Felton enjoyed a good blackfish catch Sunday evening on the outgoing tide at Makamah Beach. Blacks of nine pounds, eight and a half and seven and a half pounds took sandworms. The fish were weighed at **Greenlawn Sports Shop**.



Tom Loudon and Scott Benderssky with a nice catch of Gardiner's Bay flatties ranging from 1.3 to 2.7 pounds. Subscriber photo.

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NORTH FORK

Liz, speaking for the **Mattituck Fishing Station** (Charlie's) spoke of pretty good porgy action both east and west of the inlet with Cooper's Rock being especially good with thirty to fourty porgies per boat on the weekend. Blackfish are still entrenched east of the inlet, particularly at the Firing Range. Anglers fishing with a worm on a high hook are often picking up weakfish along with porgies and blacks. Fluking was pretty good from the inlet, east to the Beachcomber Motel.

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while Sunday was a little slow, Saturday's porgy catches were very good, with many anglers returning with a bucket full of large porgies. Best action was east of the inlet, between the Firing Range and the Motel. Many anglers had a good shot at fluke at Horton's on Saturday with a seventy-five percent keeper ratio of fish averaging three to six pounds, biggest seen was eight and a half pounds. Mr. Larry Marino returned Saturday with eighteen keepers. On Sunday, Larry Marino, his brother John and friend Jim Catanzaro once again rented an eighteen foot skiff for ten fluke averaging four and five pounds. Best action was reported to take place on the outgoing tide.

Ace Cottrel, at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** heard of lots of bluefish at the Ruins at Gardiner's, with blues and bass in the Gut. On the weekend, Ed on the "Sea Boots", first fished for blackfish on the north side of Plum Island light, then tried for blacks and porgies behind Silas Rock and the Sluiceway, ending the day with blues and extraordinary number of stripers in Plum Gut. All spots were successful. Porgies have moved into Gardiner's Island off Eastern Plains Point. Lots of bluefish have been caught east of Mattituck Inlet, from McCabes Beach and Kenny's Beach. Bass have been noticed rolling on top near Gold-

smith's Inlet in the sound. Very few reports have come in on weakfish, however sharpies feel that they should be showing at Long Beach, on their way to Gardiner's Island very soon.

Mrs. White has heard of pretty good blackfishing in Long Island Sound on fiddler crabs in the "67 steps area" of the sound, reachable from Porky's restaurant. Fluke are being brought into the **A.P. White Bait Shop**. They are being caught in the Bouy 8 area of Greenport. Blackfish, small flounder and porgies were located in Petty's Bight.

Captain Rich Jensen spoke of plenty of action with fluke this weekend, with a thirty-three percent keeper ratio. On his first drift, thirty fish were hooked, ten kept, most fish running to four pounds in weight. Best fluking was at the usual Gardiner's Island spots, including the Ruins. Bluefishing is very good with all the action you could want in both Plum Gut and the Race. Last Friday a great many bass over twenty-four inches were hooked up on a bluefish trip on the **Nancy Ann**. More than usual at this time of the year, according to Captain Jensen.

Captain Dave Brennan experienced a fantastic fishing trip on Sunday, labeling it the "best trip of the year"! With great weather on the weekend, and the fish showing a willingness to bite, anglers experienced a great time with porgies, large flounder (to over three pounds), blackfish and sea bass on the **Peconic Star**. Most anglers had close to or over a bucket of fish. Charles and Ollie, fishing in the bow, were particularly adept at filling their buckets. Porgies will be on the daily schedule now, according to Captain Dave.

Captain Larry Porter of the **Brand X**, who is also fishing for porgies on a daily basis, reported very good porgy fishing, mostly at Gardiner's Island. Good porgy fishermen caught at least thirty scup on Sunday, with very good numbers of very big flounder, blackfish, and sea bass. Captain Porter feels that now that the porgies have spawned, they are in a feeding mood!

Ed, at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** heard of continued bluefish and weakfish activity in the Peconics at Jessups. On Wednesday, one angler caught nineteen blues plus eight weakfish fishing squid strips on the bottom. Blacks at the Northville pipeline are holding up. Blacks with porgies are off the Beachcomber Motel while fluke have been caught both outside Mattituck Inlet and at Horton's Point. A new body of fluke appears to have moved into the Shinnecock area, with fish up to five and six pounds reported near the inlet on the incoming tide on the weekend.

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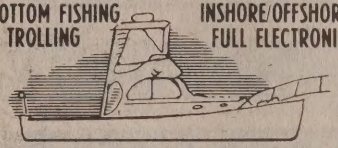
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Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament by Bob Conway, his son Jeff and Jim Lark. Fishing thirty miles southeast of Moriches Inlet the group encountered many blue sharks, estimated to 160 pounds in weight. Captain David Darrow, a researcher of the Okeanos Foundation was able to identify the many whales which approaced the boat. Among them were three humpbacks to thirty-five feet long and finbacks to seventy feet long, feeding on sand eels. Yellowfin tuna were also sighted in the slick.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Nothing earth shattering to report on the Surf Scene this week. On the south shore, a few weaks and a couple of bass to 30 pounds around the inlets as well as on the back sides. A pick of some decent size blues from 7 to 12 pounds (a few larger) on bait along the open beach and at the inlets.

North Shore action quieted down considerably this week and Thursday's northeaster did little to help as it dirtied the Sound and scattered concentrations of bait. This is how things shaped up:

Speaking from his **Johnny's Tackle Shop** out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch said that Jones Reef and False Bar continue to produce some school bass and small blues during the evening hours. Blues range 3-4 pounds with an occasional larger chopper picked from the smaller fish. No word on any action at Shagwong yet but everyone is anxiously awaiting the expected weakfish run.

Members of the Salty Flyrodders participated in their annual Shelter Island Rally this past weekend. Club spokesman Don Avondolio said that the fishing was a bust as far as weakfish go but that some action with bluefish helped to settle the event. A total of about a dozen blues to 4 pounds were taken by members weilding the long rods. Most of the action took place on the northeast sector of the Island during the early morn-

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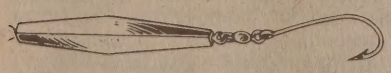

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Nick Christ shows the 15¼ inch, 1½ lb. rainbow trout he caught back on May 1st in Lower Yaphank Lake. He checked the fish in at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

ing on Sunday. Ken Feryo won the Member's Trophy while guest Gus Sjoholm copped the non-member trophy. Each had 4 pound bluefish.

Paul over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that north shore action really faded this week. He had no reports of south shore action but did know that the west side of Moriches Inlet is now accessible to buggies.

Al Colban at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that one customer reported some action with school bass on the West End jetty Saturday night. Also, Joe Caruso, on his first surf fishing trip managed to land a 9 pound bluefish in the Cedar Beach surf on a mackerel chunk.

An 11.7 pound tiderunner taken on Saturday by Joe Shields of Lindenhurst topped the list of 3 weaks weighed at **Captree Bait and Tackle** this week. Joe told Bobby he took the fish on the back side of Democrat Point. On Thursday, Bill Conway and Steve Poulos each weighed weaks of 9½ pounds taken on the back side of Moses.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano said that casters each managed 1 or 2 good innings with blues at the Cedar Bar this week. On Wednesday evening, Robert Buckland used a Hopkins to take a weak of 10.5 pounds from the same stretch of beach.

Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** also had a couple of impressive weaks weighed by surfmen this week. On Tuesday morning, Norm Horan clicked with a 10.2 pounder on a tin. Pete Mabanta used a swimming plug to take a 10.10 pound yellowfin. Tom also knew of a pick of big blues during the week at the tip of the Cedar Bar. These fish which range from 7 on up to 14 pounds were taken on bunker and mackerel chunks.

West End II and Parking Field 6 at Jones Beach continue to produce a sprinkling of blues to 10 pounds on bait according to Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wan-**

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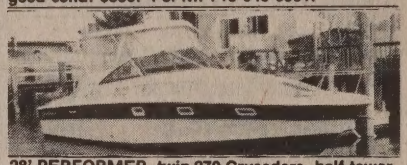

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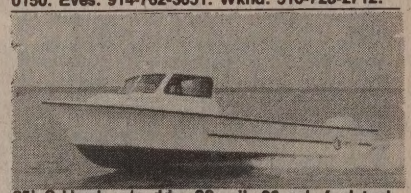

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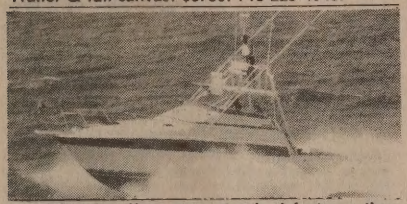

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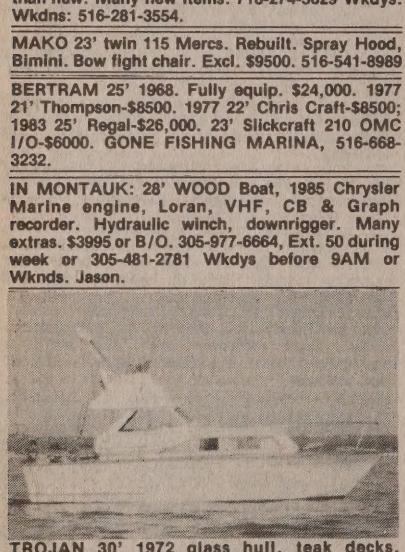

TROJAN 30' 1972 glass hull, teak decks. Flybridge, twin 225 Mercs FWC. Repowered 1982. Swim platform, ice box, stand-up head. Loran C, vhf, C, Lowrance computer fish finder, 2 compass, 35 gal. freshwater. Bimini top. Trim tabs. Dockside power, batt. charger. Mint cond. $24,500. 516-423-8989.

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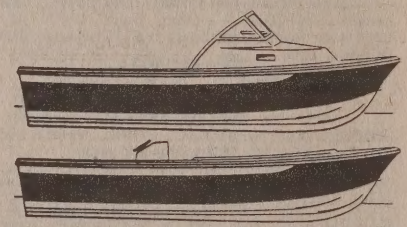

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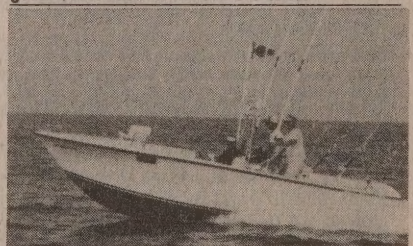
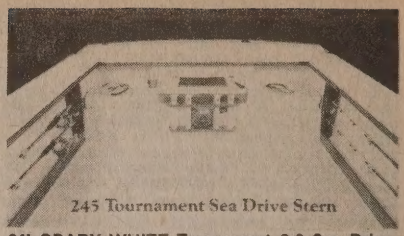


23' SEACRAFT S.F., 260 hp Merc, FWC 400 hrs. Loran, CB, VHF, Sea Temp, X-15, T-top/electronics box, 21' riggers, 150 gal. Rocket launcher, fight chair, Mercathode system, 2 batt. MUCH MORE!! MINT. New engine & instruments-'83; new outdrive-'84. MUST SELL—2 boat owner. Days: 212-683-7200. Eves: 516-669-0973.



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AQUASPORT 76, 19.6' F/F cuddy. Cox trailer, '84. 115 hp Merc. D/F. Canvas. Gar'd, neg. $7700. After 6PM: 516-731-2965.

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WELLCRAFT V20 Center Console Fisherman, 1982, 150 hp Evinrude, depth finder, CB, canvas, etc. PORT OF EGYPT* Southold, 516-765-2445.

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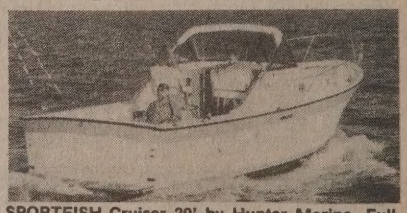

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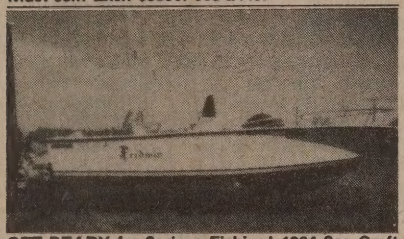

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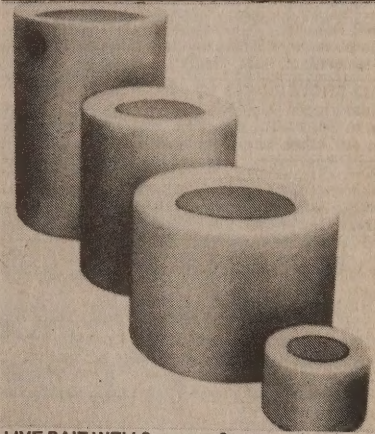

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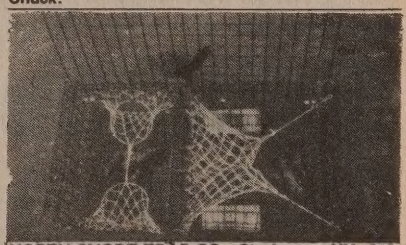

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Around the Island this week, anglers experienced steady panfishing with fair to good largemouth bass action depending on where one fished. Pickerel are hanging in there but seem to be rapidly decreasing in terms of size as the water continues to warm. Trout fishing has been decent in the Parks but mostly slow in the stocked lakes and ponds. Upstate, however, anglers are scoring well at Lake Ontario and Hunter Mountain.

Let me start off this week's report by telling you that over the weekend, my wife tina and myself traveled to the shore of Lake Ontario near **Rochester**, New York to fish with Captain Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters**. The trip wasn't nearly as long as we expected (about eight hours) and the fishing was very impressive. We managed to boat ten fish during the course of the morning including two football shaped brown trout in the four to five pound class, a fifteen pound king salmon (a real "screamer"), and a pair of lake trout weighing six to eight pounds. We also dropped another salmon that appeared to be in the fifteen to twenty pound range. If you've been thinking of taking a trip up to this region, be asured, it's well worth the ride. Bill is booking now for the summer and fall runs of trophy trout and salmon.

On the local scene, Fred Mello of **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in **Floral Park**, tells us that Henry Vetter worked Laurel Lake in Southold on Sunday with friend Bill Foley where he connected with a 3.75 pound largemouth. The pair also accounted for four other bass to seventeen inches, some large sunnies and a few pickerel. Mepps Spinners and small poppers were the ticket. Fred also mentioned that bass fishing has slowed somewhat at Hempstead Lake but fishing for smallmouths in Lake Success has been holding its own.

tagh. Not much else happening around these parts according to Bob. Up on the North Shore, George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** reported some blues and bass taken at Caumsett prior to the weekend. Just 2 or 3 weaks reported from there this week.

Stan over at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported a slower week than the past several. Just an occasional shot of blues along local beaches with the best bet still early morning or evenings. Some school bass to 8 pounds taken along the Smithtown Bay shore after dark on Sunday night.

Over at **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle**, **Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann reports Grant Park producing some fast fishing for small bass and panfish. Not many keepers here but good fun for the kids. Hempstead Lake has been a little quiet but there are some bass and pickerel at the deep (south) end.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Mike Nicolletti passed on word that Jeff Bollbach did a job on the bass in Wildwood Lake over the weekend, scoring with fish of 3.4, 3.12, 4.0, and 4.8 pounds. Mike added that bass fishing at North Twin Lake and the Mill Pond has been good for those who work killies but the small bait fish have been difficult to come by of late. The South Lake has been producing a steady pick of small pickerel on spinners and Massapequa Lake has given up bass to three pounds on night crawler baits.

From Tom Healy of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, we hear that panfish and small bass are pleasing anglers in most of the local ponds and carp and bluegills are hitting pretty well in Babylon's Argyle Lake.

Park manager Gill Bergen relayed word this week that trout fishing in the Connetquot River has been fairly consistent of late with the added bonus that a few sea run browns have invaded the waters below the hatchery. These fish have ranged from two to eight pounds but they haven't responded to any particular pattern with regularity so anglers just have to throw the book at them.

Bass was the name of the game for anglers checking in with Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**. All in all, a pretty impressive week here with a three pounder taken on a jellyworm by Dave Means, a 7.2 fish from "out east" for Bob Scaramucci, and a 5.1 pound bigmouth out of West Lake for Bill Rockwell of the Patchogue Fishing Club. Bob's fish is now leading the shop's bass contest. Paul also mentioned that pickerel seem to be getting smaller. He felt this was a result of the larger fish moving off the banks and into deeper water as things warm up.

Al Scheier of **The Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**, had a slow week but did check in a four pound bass for Jim Unser. Jim took his fish in Laural Lake.

From his **Fisherman's Deli** on the bank of the Peconic River in **Riverhead**, George Devlin informs us that there were no big fish weighed in at the shop this week. Bob Bliss still leads the bass contest with a 4.13 pound fish. A few anglers scored with small bass and pickerel over the weekend. Spinners and Rebels seemed to get the most attention. George noted that the bass are now suspended about two feet above the bottom. Panfishing has been very good early and late on worms. During the afternoon, anglers are doing better with bottled crickets which the shop has in stock.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
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FRI.	6:50	7:15	7:25	7:55	7:20	7:45	8:20	8:35	10:15	10:25	10:05	10:25	6:40	7:05	6/20
SAT.	7:45	8:10	8:25	8:50	8:15	8:35	9:10	9:25	11:15	11:25	11:05	11:20	7:35	8:00	6/21
SUN.	8:35	9:00	9:20	9:45	9:10	9:30	10:05	10:20	12:15	–	–	12:15	8:30	8:55	6/22
MON.	9:30	9:50	10:15	10:40	10:10	10:25	11:00	11:15	12:45	1:10	12:40	1:05	9:20	9:45	6/23
TUES.	10:25	10:45	11:15	11:35	11:10	11:25	11:55	–	1:22	2:10	1:20	1:50	10:15	10:35	6/24
WED.	11:20	11:40	12:10	–	12:15	–	12:25	12:55	2:20	3:15	2:10	2:45	11:10	11:30	6/25
THURS.	12:15	–	12:40	1:05	12:40	1:05	1:09	1:50	3:25	4:15	3:05	3:40	–	12:25	6/26

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/19	5:24	8:38
FRI. 6/20	5:24	8:39
SAT. 6/21	5:24	8:39
SUN. 6/22	5:24	8:39
MON. 6/23	5:24	8:40
TUE. 6/24	5:25	8:40
WED. 6/25	5:25	8:40

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/19	6:00PM	2:55AM
FRI. 6/20	7:20PM	3:30AM
SAT. 6/21	8:35PM	4:20AM
SUN. 6/22	9:45PM	5:20AM
MON. 6/23	10:35PM	6:35AM
TUE. 6/24	11:15PM	7:50AM
WED. 6/25	11:45PM	9:10AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/4	6/11	6/18	6/26

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:45	8:55	3:05	9:25
Fri.	3:40	9:50	4:00	10:25
Sat.	4:40	10:50	5:00	11:25
Sun.	5:40	11:55	6:05	–
Mon.	6:45	12:30	7:20	1:05
Tues.	7:55	1:45	8:30	2:15
Wed.	8:55	2:45	9:25	3:10
Thurs.	9:50	3:40	10:20	4:05

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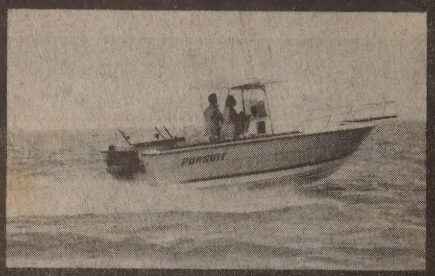

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